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Prices and Prospects.

COKE PRICES FIRM IN SPITE SURPLUS CAUSED BY FLOODS

There is Little or No Call for Prompt Furnace Coke but

PRODUCERS STAND PAT AT $2.25

A Fair Demand for Foundry Coke at $3 to $3.50, Steel Interests Have Piled Up Some Surplus Coke But It Cuts No Price the Coal Trade.

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PITTSBURG April 9—The Connellsville coke market has shown remarkable strength in the trying circumstances produced by the wide spread floods and there is comment throughout the trade on the fact that the market has yielded so little when under the old alignment prices would undoubtedly have been sacrificed at once. It is evident that there is a better understanding among coke operators of the necessity of holding prices when there is surplus coke rather than sacrificing the market for the purpose of effecting the sale of relative small tonnage. Banking interests in the region are in the inner circles given credit for a part of the stiffness now shown by operators.

Before the flood the market for prompt furnace coke of standard grade stood at $2.35 to $2.50 while contract coke was generally held at $2.50 or higher although a solitary sale had been made at $2.25 April to June inclusive and this, in the absence of any other recent contract had much to do with fixing the quotable market which was named in these reports as $2.25 to $2.50. As soon as the floods came and shipments to the west were embargoed operators seemed to fix upon $2.25 as the figure below which coke should not go and this figure they have held at least upon the surface. There are no authenticated cases of any furnace coke having been sold at less than $2.25, and if anything has been done below this figure it has been done secretly. In some quarters it is believed that coke sold in cases down to $2.15, or possibly to $2 but apparently this is merely rumor. There was no particular demand for prompt coke on fresh purchases and a furnace buying coke in any quantity would do so only as a speculation against a stronger market to be expected later and as the cost of rehandling is considerable the furnace making the purchase would not do so unless expecting the market to move up 25 to 50 cents.

In the pig iron trade there is comment on the rapidity with which railroads got their lines into shape for resumption of coke movement. The furnaces visited by flood required time to clean up and get their machinery in shape and in several cases there was coke at hand as soon as it was needed. In other cases there were delays of a day or two. For a few days last week coke receipts were somewhat uncertain but this week there is practically a normal movement. The trouble in coke movement extended beyond the flooded territory two or three furnaces in the Chicago district being forced to bank early last week from lack of coke but the stoppages were very short.

There has been a fair demand for foundry coke and the market is not quotably changed. The market stands substantially as follows

Prompt furnace	$2.25
Contract furnace	$ [illegible]
Prompt foundry	$3.00@$ [illegible]
Contract foundry	$3.00@$ [illegible]

As soon as it became certain that some blast furnaces would be temporarily put out of commission the H C Frick Coke Company and most outside steel producers took immediate steps to restrict production in proportion. One or two of the steel works interests however have made more coke than they could consume and this they have tried to avoid selling preferring to make arrangements to loan the coke to be returned later.

Monday represented the formal opening of shipments in the Lake coal trade all lines being then ready to receive Lake coal from all shippers. There was some Pittsburg district coal moved before the floods beginning about the middle of March but this was only in special cases, where the shipper could name a vessel waiting to be loaded. The floods entirely stopped such movement and the formal opening occurred on Monday. By far the best season experienced from the profit standpoint is expected since prices are higher and are firmly maintained and there is a good demand all around. Slack recently declined to the circular price and circular prices are now the market for Pittsburg district coal. Slack 90 cents nut and slack $1.05 nut $1.15 mine-run $1.30 ¾-inch $1.40 1¼-inch $1.55 per ton at mine Pittsburg district.

The local pig iron market has continued stagnant since the flood and local furnacemen are somewhat disturbed over the continued absence of interest on the part of buyers. Prices are nominally the same as a fortnight ago there being no fresh transactions of any moment. Bessemer $17 Basic, $16 No 2 Foundry $16.25 Forge, $15.75 Malleable $16.25 at Valley furnaces, 90 cents higher delivered Pittsburg.

IRON AND STEEL SWIM QUICKLY OUT OF FLOOD

Immediate Demand for Railroad Bridge Steel Will Stiffen Market, A Prompt Recovery

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NEW YORK April 9—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will summarize the steel and iron situation tomorrow as follows

The iron and steel markets show less effect from the recent floods in the Central West than was expected. There has been a stiffening in a few products with an increase in specifications and there has been some new demand a few thousand tons for quick repairs chiefly to railroad bridges. There is no doubt that the general influence of the floods will be to stiffen the markets and to prolong activity but the influence will not be felt suddenly and may be so distributed as not to be clearly discerned at all.

It has surprised even mill managers to see how rapidly works could be started again after water had stood several feet deep on mill floors and had in many cases entered heating and annealing furnaces which had been hastily put out of commission only a few hours before and carried practically their regular heat. Delays in resumption have been due chiefly to troubles with electrical equipment and in a few instances these have been serious.

The total loss of production in pig iron crude steel and finished steel by reason of the floods amounts to somewhat over a quarter million tons but will hardly reach half a million tons. This is slightly more than half our early forecasts made before the water had subsided. The difference is due not to the physical damage to mills and furnaces being less than anticipated but to the fact that the allowance made for curtailed production through lack of railroad facilities, after mills were gotten into shape was larger than is now found requisite. The railroads have been rehabilitated in unexpectedly quick time. There are still delays but most of the territory is being well served.

No sales of standard Connellsville furnace coke at less than $2.25 have been reported but there are strong rumors that the figure has been shaded. The pig iron markets in the Central West have not reopened as quickly as expected and cannot be reported as strong though they have shown no definite declines.

Specifications for steel products are good and equal to full production.

THE COAL TRADE

West Virginia Mines Will Bear Brunt of Flood Damage.

While a better movement is under way in coal owing to the railroads getting in shape for Lake traffic the actual volume of business is not as large as it should be nor can full tonnage shipments be expected until more progress on repairs to tracks have been made. A fuller shipping is expected to begin soon. Prices for coal however are strong.

The effect of the railroad damage on the coal trade will be much more serious in West Virginia than in Pittsburg territory. One of the leading officers of the Kanawha & Michigan railroad which enters the Kanawha field and does much coal hauling, for Lake ports is reported as saying that his company is actually searching for what remains of its right of way and it will be weeks before reconstruction work can be finished. He also stated that the Louisville & Nashville had 150 miles of washed out track and bridges and the Baltimore & Ohio is in a deplorable shape for handling West Virginia coal all of which will make slower the return to the normal conditions in this field inasmuch as the Lake market is especially insistent on early deliveries.

The West Virginia mines will be the last to come in with their quota of tonnage to help out the demand and a further pressure on Pittsburg mines is to be expected. The shortage of labor in the coke fields for the coming season is also causing trouble as railroads are drawing from the regions for their requirements in carrying on construction work in the flood territory.

RECENT COAL DEALS

Carnegie Company Increases Capital, Watching the South

The Carnegie Coal Company which recently purchased the properties of the Chartiers Coal Company including a good acreage of coal lands has just increased its capital stock from $800,000 to $1,6 7,000 the new stock being issued to care for the increased capacity this company now enjoys.

Coal men are interested in the announcement of the organization of the Alabama Company with $6,911,000 capital which takes over all property and business of the Alabama Consolidated Coal & Iron Company and will operate it. This will likely decrease a strong producing interest over Southern trade.

Stock for Employes

The Manufacturers Light & Heat Company at Pittsburg has adopted a profit-sharing plan for its 800 employes similar to the plan of the United States Steel Corporation. Employes will be offered stock at $50 a share on a deferred payment basis. Stock is to be distributed in proportion to salaries.

Coal Makes Farmer Rich

Coal profits to a farmer owning 350 acres of land in Washington county Pennsylvania has netted his $41,125 in 25 years in royalties and real estate sales.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION	Week Ending April 5, 1913				Week Ending March 29, 1913			
DISTRICT	Ovens	In	Out	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Connellsville	22,264	18,082	4,182	206,454	22,264	18,141	4,123	195,005
Lower Connellsville	16,571	14,699	1,872	167,180	16,551	14,784	1,767	158,928
Totals	38,835	32,781	6,054	373,634	38,815	32,925	5,890	[illegible]
FURNACE OVENS								
Connellsville	18,070	14,647	3,423	166,900	18,070	14,647	3,423	157,445
Lower Connellsville	5,812	4,684	1,128	53,374	5,812	4,784	1,028	51,126
Totals	23,882	19,331	4,551	220,274	23,882	19,431	4,451	208,677
MERCHANT OVENS								
Connellsville	4,194	3,435	759	39,254	4,194	3,494	700	37,560
Lower Connellsville	10,759	10,015	744	114,106	10,739	10,000	739	107,800
Totals	14,953	13,450	1,503	153,360	14,933	13,494	1,439	145,060

SHIPMENTS	Week Ending April 5, 1913	Week Ending March 29, 1913
To Pittsburg	4,416 Cars.	3,886 Cars.
To Points West of Pittsburg	5,723 Cars.	4,871 Cars.
To Points East of the Region	917 Cars.	924 Cars.
Totals	11,056 Cars.	9,681 Cars.

RAPID RESUMPTION OF FURNACES IN THE FLOODED DISTRICTS

96 Stacks with Capacity of 8,000,000 Tons Annually

LOSE LESS THAN 500,000 TONS

By Reason of Incapacitation and the Loss to the Connellsville Region Will be About 350,000 Tons of Coke Prompt Operation of the Railroads

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PITTSBURG April 9—The floods in the Central West from March 25 to April 1 caused a loss in pig iron production of between 250,000 and 300,000 tons probably somewhat nearer the lower figure and approximately an equal loss in unfinished and finished steel.

Furnaces and mills representing between 25% and 30% of the total productive capacity of the United States were put out of commission for various periods and as they have resumed their output has been below normal both because it requires time for speeding up and because railroad transportation has not been sufficient in all cases.

The experience of the iron and steel industry as to time directly lost by floods has been approximately equal to the early estimates but early estimates had it that much additional time would be lost from lack of transportation and these estimates have proved to be altogether too great. There has been little production lost, after furnaces and mills were cleaned up and put in physical condition for resumption.

The highest water reached the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys on Tuesday March 25 not going down appreciably until the next evening. Practically all the iron and steel making and finishing capacity of the two Valleys was put out of commission. The two Valleys were making pig iron at the rate of more than 5,000,000 tons a year practically the entire coke supply being drawn from the Connellsville region.

At about this same time floods occurred in various other streams in Ohio the Cuyahoga river putting out of operation half a dozen furnaces in the Cleveland district together with some steel making and finishing capacity while at Columbus and several other interior points iron and steel plants were affected. The entire Columbus plant of the Carnegie Steel Company including two blast furnaces was put out of commission.

In the Pittsburg district the flood was confined to the Allegheny river. Except that portion in the Pittsburg harbor together with the First Pool affected by back water the Monongahela river escaped. The four blast furnaces in operation on the Allegheny river two Lucy and two Isabella were banked for a few days while on the Monongahela river the Continental and Pennsylvania tube works of the National Tube Company together with the Soho department of the Jones & Laughlin Company were closed. In the Upper Ohio the Jones & Laughlin rod mills and tin mills at Aliquippa but not the blast furnaces were caught.

Below the mouth of the Beaver which carried the floods of the Mahoning and Shenango rivers the Ohio reached dangerous flood level and at points further down new records were made. The Steubenville blast furnaces were first reached by the crest which got down to the Wheeling district by the end of the week not reaching Cincinnati until Tuesday of last week. The entire Wheeling district was closed.

The blast furnaces closed by flood included all in the Ohio except some of the lake front furnaces the only lake front furnaces closed being six at Cleveland. Besides Ohio furnaces there were the four mentioned at Pittsburg and all in the Shenango valley also three in West Virginia in the Wheeling district. The total number of furnaces flooded was 96 there being in operation of these about 90 and producing pig iron at the rate of more than 8,000,000 gross tons a year equal to a coke consumption of about 175,000 net tons a week almost the entire supply being drawn from the Connellsville region. Counting the time directly lost through inability to get coke through to furnaces the loss in Connellsville coke production was easily equal to two weeks at this rate or about 350,000 tons.

Blast furnace operations were slightly affected at points beyond the flooded territory for in the Chicago district at least two furnaces were banked because coke could not be gotten through.

At one time the Governor of Ohio was quoted as stating that practically every railroad bridge in Ohio was down but it developed that the chief difficulty was not with bridges being actually destroyed or washed away but through approaches being affected. Accordingly, it was possible in most cases to open traffic by repairs to approaches, without replacing bridges. There were however many bridges lost but the number ran into dozens rather than hundreds.

Connellsville coke for shipment beyond the Conway yards was embargoed by the Pennsylvania on Tuesday March 25 the embargo being lifted at the close of the week when shipments could be taken for most points in the west. The Pittsburg & Lake Erie at 9:15 Saturday night formally declared its entire system open and began accepting coke for all points on its lines. Later the Baltimore & Ohio opened up as to most of its points. After the embargoes were lifted there remained trouble in getting coke through on time so that furnaces have been inconvenienced more or less until the present time.

Two or three blast furnaces have been blown out as a result of flood damage either experienced or expected since one furnace was regularly blown out just before the water rose it being decided that it would be impossible to save it. The furnaces blown out will be relined and blown in as soon as possible representing a loss in pig iron production of about 50,000 tons and approximately the same tonnage of coke consumption.

In some directions the loss in pig iron production exceeded the loss in consumption and in other directions it was less. The merchant furnaces in the Valleys were shipping pig iron largely to foundries and steel works in the Pittsburg district and lost production while their customers continue to consume. To this extent pig iron should have been strengthened. On the other hand the steel companies which had blast furnaces of their own were able to start their furnaces more quickly than their steel works and thus pig iron accumulated with them. In some instances the resumptions of blast furnaces and steel works were nominally at the same time but practically the blast furnaces regained normal production more quickly than the steel works. Thus on the whole the large steel works are better fixed as to pig iron than they were and it appears furthermore that consumers in the Pittsburg district have not been seriously inconvenienced by the interruption in shipments from merchant furnaces in the Valleys. The behavior of the pig iron market has been in keeping with this analysis for it has been extremely quiet since the floods being if anything quieter than before. Prices have not definitely declined however being quotable at the same level as formerly.

Wants Railroad Built.

Suit to enforce an alleged contract involving the construction of approximately 35 miles of railroad by the Little Kanawha syndicate into its coal fields in the vicinity of Philippi has been instituted against the Buckhannon & Northern Railroad Company by the Overholt Coal Company of West Virginia.

Steady Work for 19,000

Recent railroad orders assure employment to the 19,000 employes of the Baldwin Locomotive Works for months to come.

Kerosene Locomotives.

A plant for building kerosene locomotives is to be established near Philadelphia.

DEAL FOR COKING COAL INVOLVES A $300,000 TRADE

Isaac Brownfield of Uniontown Obtains Rich Holding.

EXACT PRICE NOT DETERMINED

Report that $3,100 an Acre Top Price for Region Had Been Paid is Denied. $2,000 Nearer Correct Says Purchaser. Gives Coal in Exchange.

Through an exchange of steam and gas coal in Marshall and Wetzel counties of West Virginia Isaac Brownfield of Uniontown will acquire what he declares to be the finest tract of Connellsville coking coal left in the region. The transaction was with Frank Byers for the 101 acres of coal and surface on the old Byers farm which is near Fairchance Station.

The coal immediately adjoins the Myer plant of [illegible] ovens which is owned and operated by Mr Brownfield and the heading from the Myers operations run up to the coal under the Byers place.

It was reported that Mr Brownfield had paid equivalent to $3,100 an acre for this coal which is the top price for Connellsville coking coal but the purchaser denied this. He stated that $2,000 would be nearer the figure though the exact amount has not yet been determined. Surveys are now being made to ascertain the exact amount of coal under the Byers farm. Although the surface [illegible] it is said that no [illegible] will be [illegible] with [illegible].

The Byers farm figured in a rather sensational legal [illegible] some years ago when the title of Frank Byers to the property was in dispute. It was one of the most prominent suits that had been heard in West Moreland county for many years.

Mr Brownfield expects to mine the coal through his Myers plant. There are 900 acres of coal in the Myers tract which gives him approximately 3,000 acres of Connellsville coking coal of the high standard quality.

It is learned from another source that Byers was given 3,000 acres of West Virginia coal and $3,000 in cash by Brownfield in exchange for the farm.

OPERATOR THE JUDGE

For Him to Determine Coal Left to Insure Safety Count Holds

On March 27 Judge J A Evans sitting in the Allegheny county court decided that the question of what coal should be left for the safety of the mine and the employes therein is primarily a question to be determined by the operator. He is responsible to the law and responsible to his employes for the proper conduct of his mine and in the operation of his mine he is the judge. Should he make a mistake it would not be right to forfeit his lease while he thought he was acting for the interests of the mine and his employes.

The ruling was made in the case of John M Clark & Company against J D Little to restrain the latter from forfeiting a lease on 80 acres of coal in Washington county. The defendant claimed that the coal was not being properly mined in that more coal than necessary was left in ribs and stumps and that the plaintiff did not mine coal of inferior quality which it was claimed was unmarketable. The suit involves property valued at about $160,000. Judge Evans decided that the plaintiffs must pay the owner of the land the royalty on the coal that is not mined because it was not of market able value covering about 37 acres.

Will Develop Coal

D C Thomas Coal Company Columbus O will develop about 1,000 acres of coal land near Seng, W. Va.

Production and Output.

WESTERN BY-PRODUCT COKE CUTS NO FIGURE IN FLOOD

Though Some Operators Got Somewhat Excited Over the Prospects Eastern Dream Prices

The cutting of the Connellsville coke supply to the western furnaces and foundries by reason of the recent floods aroused some high hopes of profitable business in the breasts of the by-product operators of that section. The Cleveland Iron Trade, under date of April 3 said

The Citizens Gas Company of Indianapolis advises it is planning to lend all possible aid during the coke shortage suffered as the result of the recent floods. The by-product coke ovens of this concern were not harmed and have been producing the usual [illegible] carloads a day of foundry coke throughout the time of tieup. The railroads have been unable to move any of this out of Indianapolis but foundries in that city have been stocked as fully as possible that is soon as the railroads are able to resume shipments the entire product can be sent out to other places where it is more sorely needed.

At Chicago on the other hand the foundries [illegible] of their coke from the by-product ovens and the foundries suffered no serious inconvenience. The United States Steel Corporation plants and largely other by-product coke and their operations were not greatly interrupted. Other furnaces had Connellsville coke stocked up in sufficient quantities to tide them over the flood troubles. Upon the whole the western interests escaped without much damage from coke famine or famine coke prices.

Philadelphia reported some offers of Connellsville coke at low prices as low as $1.75 ovens but this figure evidently represented the wish that was father to the thought rather than an actual fact.

SUIT FOR CAR SHORTAGE

Coal Company Asks Half Million Damages From Railroad

The Southern Illinois Coal & Coke Company has entered suit in the United States District Court at Chicago against the Illinois Central railroad asking damages of over $500,000. The firm is [illegible] of four to move the output of two coal mines in Williamson county Illinois—the [illegible] mine at Herrin and the Oswald mine at Carterville. [illegible] loss of 500,000 and 1,000,000 tons [illegible] mined [illegible] respectively [illegible] with [illegible] daily [illegible] for the two mines [illegible] 1,000 and [illegible] tons [illegible] cars [illegible] to [illegible].

The bill [illegible] that [illegible] of the railroad to furnish [illegible] its usual [illegible] of cars of coal [illegible] the premises [illegible] resulting in loss [illegible] the shutting down of the mines [illegible] of actual loss [illegible] to August 30 to date.

In a statement by [illegible] of the [illegible] company [illegible] made.

It is the contention of the Southern Illinois Coal & Coke Company that [illegible] of the railroad [illegible] [illegible] there has been for several years [illegible] the [illegible] cars which short [illegible] has extended [illegible] each year [illegible] period of six months [illegible].

This amount is wholly inadequate for the demand of the [illegible] operators [illegible] as a consequence [illegible] have been [illegible] [illegible] to operate on a basis of a small fraction of their usual requirements.

UPPER CONNELLSVILLE

And Greensburg Districts Suffer Some from the Western Floods

The coke operators of the Upper Connellsville and Greensburg Connellsville districts seem to have been affected in some degree by the western floods though not so greatly in proportion as their neighbors to the south. Most of the coke from these northern portions of the Connellsville region goes east and a great deal of it enters the foundry trade. The output of these districts during the past two weeks shows a decline of [illegible] to [illegible]. The following is the record since the middle of February 1913.

Week Ending	Upper Conn. Tons	Greensburg Tons	Total Tons
Feb [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Feb [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mar 1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mar 8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mar [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mar [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mar [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Apr [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

BIG STOCK ISSUE

Pennsylvania Railroad Directors Vote to Sell $4,400,000 Worth

PHILADELPHIA April [illegible]—The board of directors of the Pennsylvania railroad this morning authorized an issue of stock amounting to $4,000,000 which will be offered to stockholders [illegible].

Joseph Wood senior Vice President was elected a member of the Board of Directors succeeding James McCrea.

Must Give Up Riches

The Union Pacific Railroad Company has been forced by the government to relinquish title to coal lands near Hanna Wyo valued at $3,000,000 on the ground that the property was obtained by fraud and misrepresentation.

Freight Trains Use Much Fuel

Freight trains require coal about every 60 miles while passenger trains usually run 100 miles more without taking coal.

COKE PRODUCTION IS FAST GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

Shipments of 372,000 Tons Practically Absorb Production.

STOCK ESTIMATED 50,000 TONS

Production and Shipments of the First Quarter of 1913 Record Breakers. Region Runs Five Days Last Week and Blows Out Some Ovens

The Connellsville coke trade is rapidly recovering from the effects of the flood and it is not yet confronted with the disturbing influence of radical tariff revision. Five days was again the rule of the region last week and production and output show marked gains and this week will see the trade back nearly to normal.

The production last week is estimated at 373,000 tons while shipments are practically the same. There was little stock to be lifted from the yards. The 50,000 tons was partially consumed in previous week was practically consumed in stand overs that is cars loaded for shipment and standing at the ovens. These have all gone out but the close of last week saw a number of stand overs so that upon the whole the surplus of the previous week remains unabsorbed. There is in the region about 50,000 tons of stock in the region but a large portion of this is the property of the steel interests.

The coke production and output of the first quarter of 1913 were just a little better than the best previous records as shown by the following tabulation

1st Q	Production	Shipments
1913	[illegible]	5,34,017
1912	4,80[illegible]	4,5[illegible]
1911	4,54[illegible]	4,474,[illegible]
1910	[illegible]	[illegible]
1909	3,581,[illegible]	[illegible]
1908	[illegible]	[illegible]
1907	[illegible]	[illegible]

The record of production and shipments for the year is as follows

Week Ending	Production Tons	Shipments Tons
Jan 4	81,3[illegible]	384,8[illegible]
Jan 11	404,[illegible]	404,[illegible]
Jan 18	[illegible]	4,96[illegible]
Jan 25	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
Feb 1	[illegible]	[illegible]
Feb 8	[illegible]	406,[illegible]
Feb 15	[illegible]	4[illegible]
Feb 22	441,04	451,0[illegible]
Mar 1	[illegible]	45[illegible]
Mar 8	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
Mar 15	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mar 22	4[illegible]	[illegible]
Mar 29	[illegible]	[illegible]
Apr 5	[illegible]	[illegible]

Production last week was made up of 1,01 tons more than the week before the total being 373,634 tons as compared with 352,938 tons. The production of the furnace ovens increased 11,410 tons, the total being 220,274 tons as against 208,677 tons the preceding week while the merchant ovens gained 8,300 tons the total being 153,360 tons compared with 145,060 tons the previous week.

The average running time of the region was 5 days a few of the plants making six days run.

Shipments for the week aggregated 11,056 cars distributed as follows: To Pittsburg 4,416 cars to points west of Pittsburg 5,723 cars to points east of the Connellsville region, 917 cars. Compared with the shipment of the previous week this shows an increase of [illegible] cars in Pittsburg shipments an increase of 852 cars in Western shipments and a decrease of [illegible] cars in Eastern shipments making a net gain of 1,375 cars.

The number of active ovens in the region was increased by the firing of [illegible] but this was more than offset by the blowing out of 20 ovens at Mount Braddock and at the Marion plant of the Marion Coke Company, 100 at McKeefrey and 34 scattering, total 154 making a net decrease of 144 ovens.

The total number of ovens in the region was increased by the addition of [illegible] at the Yukon plant of the Yukon Coke Company.

The following table gives the number of ovens in operation production and shipments for the corresponding week from 1906 to date in the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville coke regions

Year	Ovens in	Product	Ship Cars
1913	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1912	[illegible]	[illegible]	110[illegible]
1911	[illegible]	11,414	12,14[illegible]
1910	[illegible]	[illegible]	11,01[illegible]
1909	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1908	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1907	34,1[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1906	[illegible]	[illegible]	111[illegible]

Coke Freight Rates.

Freight rates from Connellsville to principal points of consumption are as follows

WESTERN POINTS

Pittsburg	$ [illegible]
Youngstown	1 [illegible]
Cleveland	1 [illegible]
Columbus	1 [illegible]
Canton	1 [illegible]
Toledo	1 [illegible]
Detroit	[illegible]
Milwaukee	[illegible]
Chicago	[illegible]
E St Louis	[illegible]

EASTERN POINTS

Buffalo	$1.5[illegible]
Erie	1.6[illegible]
Harrisburg	1.7[illegible]
Baltimore	[illegible]
Philadelphia	2.1[illegible]
New York	2.5[illegible]

BRIQUET INDUSTRY NOT AN EXPERIMENT NOW, EXPERT SAYS

Geological Survey Declares It Has Become More Permanent.

FIGURES SHOWING DEVELOPMENT

Quantity of Raw Material is Ample and Much of It is Now Going to Waste; Probable That Smaller Sizes of Anthracite Will be Used in It.

The quantity of briquetted fuel manufactured in the United States in 1912 showed a small gain over the output for 1911, and according to E. W. Parker, of the United States Geological Survey, the briquet industry may be considered as now passing out of the experimental stage, and assuming a more substantial and permanent character. The quantity of briquetted fuel made in 1912, at 19 plants, was 220,064 short tons, valued at $952,261, as compared with 218,442 tons valued at $808,721 in 1911. Of these plants seven used anthracite culm, nine used bituminous or semi-bituminous slack, one used residue from gas manufactured from oil, one used mixed anthracite culm and bituminous slack, and one used peat. The largest producer of briquets in the United States in 1912 was the Berwind Fuel Company of Superior, Wis., the output of which was a little in excess of 50,000 short tons. The plant has a capacity of between 35 and 40 tons of briquets an hour.

The quantity of raw material available for the manufacture of briquets, is ample and may be obtained at slight cost. The most desirable material for producing a smokeless product is anthracite culm, a plentiful supply of which still remains in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania and more is produced daily in the mining operations. It is not too much to believe or to hope that in the near future the small sizes of anthracite, such as buckwheat and smaller, that are now sold for making steam, in competition with bituminous coal and at prices below the actual cost of production, will become more valuable as a raw material for the briquet manufacturer. The output of these small sizes, produced by breaking up large coal to obtain the domestic grades—egg, stove, and nut—exceeds 20,000,000 long tons annually; exclusive of 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 tons annually recovered from the culm banks by washeries. The present revenue from this product will not exceed $30,000,000. Washery and small size coal is worth from 50 cents to $1.50 a ton, the price depending on the size. As briquetted fuel it should be worth as much as stove or egg coal, or $3 to $4 per ton. The cost of briquetting is $1 to $1.25 per ton. The uniform size of the briquets makes them highly desirable as a domestic fuel; besides if properly made they are completely consumed and do not produce that bugbear to the housekeeper, clinkers.

One objection raised to the use of briquets is that they will compete with the prepared sizes of anthracite. From the viewpoint of the consumer the objection lacks logic, and this seems more evident when the apparent profit obtainable on the briquetted product is considered.

Slack from non-coking bituminous, sub-bituminous and semi-anthracite coals is another cheap and abundant raw material. It is obtainable in all the coal mining regions of the middle west, where at many places it is now wasted or almost given away. Some slack piles have been burned to prevent their cumbering the ground; others have ignited spontaneously and devoured themselves. The 220,064 tons of briquets made in 1912 represent but a drop taken from the bucket of available material.

The vast and almost untouched areas of lignite in North Dakota and Texas still contain enormous supplies of fuel that European experience has taught is well adapted to briquetting and that is much more usable in that form than in the raw state. The School of Mines of the North Dakota University has been making some interesting and valuable experiments in briquetting lignite, under the direction of Prof. E. J. Babcock, and has already attained excellent results.

The large areas of peat beds in the United States are also available as a source of raw material. They are general remote from the coal fields, and briquetted fuel from peat, when properly prepared, makes an excellent substitute for coal. The peat now produced in the United States is used for stable litter, fertilizer, etc. None is used for fuel.

While the briquet industry in the United States is still in its infancy the following figures show that the production has nearly twice doubled since 1907. In that year 65,524 short tons were produced, valued at $258,426; in 1909, 139,661 tons, valued at $452,697; in 1911, 218,442 tons, valued at $808,721; in 1912, 220,064 tons, valued at $952,261.

SUMMER MINING SCHOOL

West Virginia University Offers Course for Prospective Foremen.

Announcement is made by the Mining School of the West Virginia University of a six weeks' course for mine foremen, fire bosses and miners who desire to qualify as certified mine officials.

This course is intended to prepare miners for examination for certified mine positions. It furnishes the necessary information required in the State examinations for the positions of Mine Foremen and Fire Boss. Those contemplating taking the examination for these positions cannot do better than to spend six weeks in preparation, with al lthe facilities of the University at their command.

Sharon Carpenters Strike.

SHARON, April 8.—Union carpenters of Sharon today struck for an increase in wages. They demand $4 per day.

BUY WEST VIRGINIA COAL

Canadian Producers Want it to Mix for By-Product Coke Purposes.

The recent acquisition of the Dixon-Pocahontas Fuel Company's two mines near Welch, W. Va., by the Lake Superior Coal Company, a subsidiary of the Algoma Steel Corporation, was for the purpose of securing a low volatile coal to mix with Kanawha gas coal in the steel company's by-product coke ovens at Sault Ste. Marie, Canada. About two years ago the Algoma interests purchased the holdings of the Cannelton Coal & Coke Company, consisting of mines and 5,200 acres of coal land in the Kanawha region, and the output of this property has since been increased to 700,000t tons annually.

The Dixon-Pocahontas property, recently taken over, includes some 2,000 acres of Pocahontas coal land located on the main line of the Norfolk & Western railroad, in McDowell county. It is planned to develop an output of 400,000 tons a year, and this, together with the 700,000 tons produced in the Kanawha field, will be used in making coke for the Algoma company's blast furnaces; also for steam purposes and for gas producers used in connection with the steel mills. The coal is all shipped in its raw state and made into coke at the Canadian Soo. The Lake Superior Coal Company is a new concern, organized for the purpose of taking over and operating the Dixon-Pocahontas mines.

GAIN IN OHIO

Tonnage for 1912 Exceeds That of 1911 by More Than 4,000,000.

There was a gain of more than 4,000,000 tons in the Ohio coal output for 1912 over that of 1911. The following table shows the total tonnage by counties for the two years:

County.	1911.	1912.
Athens	4,592,595	4,896,478
Belmont	8,040,333	9,316,850
Carroll	289,687	310,018
Columbiana	408,039	482,878
Coshocton	438,360	356,299
Gallia	17,114	27,522
Guernsey	3,901,528	4,233,063
Harrison	476,914	750,831
Hocking	1,847,839	2,048,175
Holmes	11,242	11,059
Jackson	673,685	783,234
Jefferson	4,321,829	4,641,968
Lawrence	84,567	88,104
Mahoning	64,276	47,511
Medina	10,942	10,395
Meigs	532,840	635,940
Monroe	.....	180
Morgan	175,630	196,822
Muskingum	470,777	522,198
Noble	480,524	641,677
Perry	2,021,594	2,184,150
Portage	115,080	83,293
Scioto	5,989	7,794
Stark	442,860	417,823
Summit	85,711	82,052
Trumbull	3,496	2,980
Tuscarawas	676,251	1,311,301
Vinton	129,836	100,084
Washington	355	523
Wayne	202,929	184,681
Total	30,342,039	34,444,291

TO REGULATE DUST

Legislature Gets Bill Giving Boroughs Power Over Mills.

HARRISBURG, April 5.—The words, "or dust," inserted in the Lowers borough smoke bill, will bring the great plants of the United States Steel Corporation and the Jones & Laughlin Company under the provisions of the proposed law if it is enacted. The amendment was made in the House Municipal Corporations Committee. The purpose is to suppress the red dust nuisance of these industries. The bill as amended will now read:

"That all boroughs within this commonwealth shall have the power to regulate by ordinance production or emission of smoke 'or dust' from any chimney, smokestack or other source."

The bill was introduced into the House by John F. Lowers of North Braddock on March 10, and was reported from committee in its amended form. A number of boroughs represented by Lowers are within the zone of the United States Steel Corporation mills at Braddock. The plants at Homestead, Duquesne and Munhall and the furnaces of the Jones & Laughlin Company at Aliquippa would be affected. The bill will be on first reading in the House on Monday night.

RATES ARE FAIR

Saint Louis Not Discriminated Against in Coke, is Finding.

In another coal decison, that of the Saint Louis Blast Furnace Company against the Louisville & Nashville, the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company, and in sundry allied cases, the Interstate Commerce Commission has ruled that the charges imposed upon shipments of coke from the Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania fields to Missouri are not unduly high and should be sustained in consequence.

In reaching the conclusion thus indicated, the commission notes that the essential claim is that the rate of $2.80 per ton is unjust and that it discriminates against the city of Saint Louis. As to this the point is made that very little testimony was presented in behalf of the complainant in support of the contention that the rate of $2.80 per net ton charged for the transportation of the coke from the various ovens to the furnace was unreasonable, discriminatory, and prejudicial.

Alabama Convict Labor.

The report that reached Birmingham to the effect that Examiner H. Y. Brooke had officially informed the Governor that the upkeep of convicts at Banner mine has increased under the present administration from $10-$12 to about $20 a man per month, was denied in Birmingham by W. Asa Gibson, Superintendent of convicts of the Pratt Consolidated Company. The publication of the Brooke report is awaited with a great deal of interest.

Pocahontas Consolidated.

The Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of two per cent. and an extra dividen dof one per cent. on common stock. The company reports for the year ended December 31, 1912: Total income, $1,246,166, net earnings, $916,459.

If you have coal land for sale advertise it in this paper.

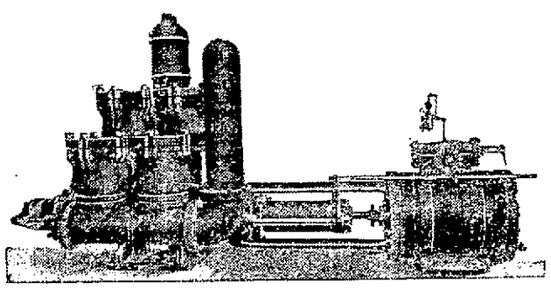
LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Apr. 5, 1913.

Total Ovens.	In Blast.	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P. O. Address.
100	100	Acme	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
80	80	Acme	Penn Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	50	Adelaide	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
336	200	Alverton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
370	240	Baggaley	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
182	36	Beatty	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
50	150	Bethany	Majestic Coke Co.	Uniontown
300	18	Bitner	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	250	Boyer	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
240	120	Brinkerton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
299	250	Buckeye	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30	159	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt. Pleasant
260	30	Calumet	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
22	200	Carolyn	Peerless-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
303	.....	Central	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
54	280	Chester	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
150	150	Clara	Clare Coke Co.	Greensburg
120	100	Coalbrook	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	340	Collier	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	100	Continental No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
326	250	Continental No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	298	Continental No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	120	Crossland	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
338	328	Davison	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Connellsville
40	28	Dexter	Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
230	150	Dorothy	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
40	40	Ellen No. 1	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
50	50	Ellen No. 2	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	150	Elizabeth	Unity-Connellsville Coke Co.	Greensburg
218	168	Elm Grove	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
195	115	Fort Hill	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
101	101	Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co.	Uniontown
124	118	Grace	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
272	220	Hecla No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	210	Hecla No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	200	Hecla No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	.....	Henry Clay	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
255	235	Hostetter	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	100	Humphrey	Bowerner Coke Co.	Pittsburg
260	230	Juniata	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30	20	Junction	Marietta-Canler Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
206	250	Kyle	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	420	Leisenring No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	400	Leisenring No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
605	420	Leisenring No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
204	250	Leith	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
227	125	Lemont No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	250	Lemont No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20	20	Little Sunshine	King Coke Co.	Uniontown
32	32	Love	C'ville-Mutual Coal & Coke Co.	Scottdale
40	40	Maree	Maree Coke Co.	Uniontown
170	450	Mammoth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	320	Marguerite	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
25	.....	Marion	Marion Coke Co.	Pittsburg
165	112	Morgan	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	New York, N. Y.
360	214	Mt. Braddock	W. J. Rainey	Greensburg, Pa.
310	310	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Pittsburg
196	115	Mutual	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
32	20	Myers	Brownfield-C'ville Coke Co.	Dawson
329	229	Neille	Brown & Cochran	Pittsburg
252	220	Oliphant	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
228	228	Oliver No. 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
450	440	Oliver No. 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Oliver No. 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
221	52	Painter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	New York, N. Y.
200	180	Paul	W. J. Rainey	Pennsville
25	18	Pennsville	Pennsville Coke Co.	Perry
16	.....	Perry	Marietta & Stillwagon	Pittsburg
400	250	Phillips	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	New York, N. Y.
96	68	Rainey	W. J. Rainey	Pittsburg
445	350	Redstone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	New York, N. Y.
550	410	Revere	W. J. Rainey	Uniontown
86	56	Rose	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
25	26	Sapper	Shannon Coal & Coke Co.	Dunbar
116	110	Scott-Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co.	Uniontown
42	42	Shannon	Shannon Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
38	38	Shirey	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
448	350	Shoaf	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
625	420	Southwest No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
220	100	Southwest No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
226	158	Southwest No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Dawson
61	39	Spring Grove	Cochran Bros.	Pittsburg
903	726	Standard	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
165	120	Stewart	Stewart Iron Co.	Pittsburg
188	.....	Summit	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
40	40	Thomas	Whyel Coke Co.	Pittsburg
484	440	Trotter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	New York, N. Y.
50	50	Union	W. J. Rainey	Pittsburg
360	320	United	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
215	100	Valley	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Greensburg
80	80	Veteran	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Pittsburg
153	110	White	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
382	325	Whitney	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
209	209	Wynn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
600	420	Yorkrun	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
241	200	Youngstown	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg

YOUGH PUMPS



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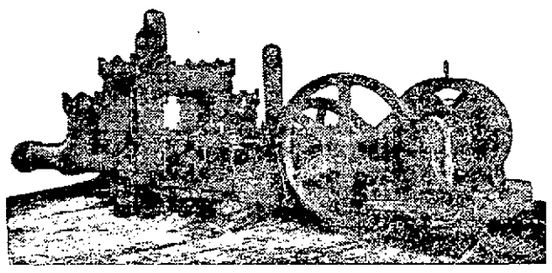

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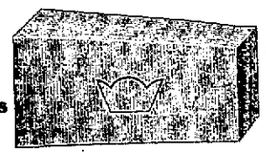

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The creation of the Cambrian Coal Combine is one of the striking landmarks in the history of the coal trade of Great Britain. There is no industry whose welfare is more vital to the future prosperity of that country as a manufacturing and mercantile nation than that of the production of coal, and there never was a period in its history when the necessity was greater than it is today that the industry should receive the unremitting aid of the best business intelligence.

The London and Liverpool Journal says that to a greater degree than that of any other country the manufacturing and commercial fabric of Great Britain rests on a coal foundation. To change the metaphor, it is the sustaining source of every important branch of British industry and commerce, but since the day when on the strength of the tremendous advantages which the situation of the coal fields and the excellence of the qualities of the coal produced gave England, she was able to reverse the old currents of trade and establish a worldwide supremacy as foreign traders, great and profound changes have taken place in Great Britain's relation with foreign countries.

In the Far East the development of native mineral resources have practically deprived her of most of her markets; in Europe the competition of Germany and other countries is increasing in every direction, and in America the United States has not only long outstripped Britain in the production of coal, but is now beginning to make its rivalry felt in neutral markets.

"These changes have created new conditions—conditions it would be fatal to ignore—but it is only in rare cases that this nation has failed to adjust itself to new conditions of trade, and ample evidence is forthcoming that those deeply interested in the coal trade of the United Kingdom are not only alive to its limitations as well as possibilities, to its commercial as well as industrial value, to its needs as well as benefits, but are also determined to apply their knowledge, skill, and experience on a national and world-wide, as well as on a local, scale," says the Journal.

Probably no man in Great Britain today typifies this new attitude toward coal trade problems in a more marked degree than does D. A. Thomas, or who, since the national coal strike of 1912, has been more in the public eye. Not only has he done more than any other colliery owner in the South Wales coal field to remove old, haphazard methods of trading and to accelerate the operation of the principle of combination among firms with identical or closely allied interests, but he has acquired a power far greater than that wielded at the moment by any other colliery owner in the kingdom.

The collieries with which he is identified as managing director, director, or principal shareholder, produce approximately betwen 11,000,000 and 12,000,000 tons per annum; while the workmen employed by all the South Wales railway, dock, iron and steel, as well as colliery concerns with which he is associated in these capacities employ upwards of 50,000 persons.

Steel Men Strike.

CANONSBURG, April 8.—Laborers of the Canonsburg Steel & Iron Company went out on strike this morning. The demands include additional wages and better working conditions. The 500 employes of the National Cab Company who went out on strike last week are still out.

California Coal.

The Yreka Development Company has begun work on its coal lands near Ager, Siskiyou county. About 3,000 acres of land are known to be coal-bearing, but the value of the property is yet to be determined.

MAY OPEN ROAD SOON

Railroad Men Do Not Credit B. & N. Report of Two Year Delay.

Although stories have been circulated that service into Fairmont by way of the Buchanan & Northern railroad will not be opened for two years, railroad men believe that fast trains between Pittsburg and the West Virginia city will be run before the end of spring. No date, however, has been set, and it is understood that a meeting will be held soon in Pittsburg by the roads interested to decide on a time.

The new road is an extension into West Virginia of the Monongahela railroad and by means of it Pittsburg people will have a more direct route into Morgantown and Fairmont. The running time to these points will be reduced. Only seven more miles of road remain to be constructed and a bridge erected to span the Monongahela river before the line is complete. Little time would be required for this work, as should the roads decide to open the route in the latter part of spring a large force of men would be put to work immediately.

Even now trains could be run into Fairmont by operating part of the distance over the tracks of the Baltimore & Ohio, but as the tracks of that road already are congested the plan hardly would be feasible. Interest is attached to the road, as it is owned jointly by the Pennsylvania railroad, the Pittsburg & Lake Erie and the Baltimore & Ohio.

PIG IRON AVERAGES

Relative Basis of Bessemer and Basic Prices.

The following table shows the Bessemer and basic pig iron averages since the beginning of 1912:

	Bessemer.		Basic.	
Month.	1912.	1913.	1912.	1913.
Jan.	$14.078	$17.25	$12.372	$16.45
Feb.	14.00	17.25	12.25	16.317
Mar.	14.0536	17.25	12.76	16.059
April	14.25		12.981	
May	14.2345		13.00	
June	14.25		13.209	
July	14.25		13.48	
Aug.	14.534		14.00	
Sept.	15.062		15.184	
Oct.	17.00		16.184	
Nov.	17.172		16.192	
Dec.	17.2962		16.449	
Year	15.090		14.001	

Above prices are f. o. b. Valley furnaces; delivered Pittsburg is 90 cents higher.

Pugh, Pennsy Veteran, is Dead.

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., April 8.—Charles Pugh, who resigned recently as First Vice President of the Pennsylvania railroad, died here this morning following a lingering illness. Pugh entered the Pennsylvania service 53 years ago. He was born in Uniontown on February 25, 1841.

Alberta Coal Industry.

The coal of Alberta for the year 1912 was approximately 4,000,000 tons as compared with an output of 1,694,564 tons in 1911, and of 3,636,757 tons in 1910. Forty-four new mines were opened, mainly in the Edmonton field, during the year.

Counting the Cars.

The Interstate Comearce Commission has ordered all the railroads of the country to report by April 20 the actual number of freight cars in active service, which is regarded as the first step towards an investigation of last winter's car shortage.

Big Car Repair Plant.

Land has been purchased at Ashtabula, O., by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, on which will be built a mammoth steel car repair plant, to cost $1,000,000.

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Government officials have been visiting car manufacturing plants with a view of establishing a standardized mail car.

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40	40	Adah	Adah Coke Company	Uniontown
400	370	Allen	W. Harry Brown	South Brownsville
236	118	Allison No. 1	W. J. Rainey	New York
40	40	Anica	The Wilkey & Feather Coke Co.	Uniontown
139	70	Atcheson	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Gans
20	20	Baxter Ridge	Baxter Ridge Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
166	63	Bridgeport	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
470	400	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co	Brier Hill
20	20	Browning	Browning Coke Co	Uniontown
50	50	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co	Uniontown
425	400	Buffington	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
34	34	Burchinal	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
205	205	Century	Century Coke Co	Brownsville
40	40	Champion	Champion Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
24	.....	Coffman	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
500	320	Colonial No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	100	Colonial No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	200	Colonial No. 4	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
142	130	Cyrilla	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
120	120	Crystal	United Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	250	Dearth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
152	152	Donald No. 1	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
240	240	Donald No. 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
160	160	Donald No. 3	Consolidated C'ville Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
40	40	Dunn	The Bixler Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	450	Edenborn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
149	149	Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co	Uniontown
132	80	Eleanor	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
82	82	Emory	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	171	Fairbank	Struthers Coal & Coke Co.	Fairbank
32	.....	Finley	Jas. Byrne & Co.	Uniontown
400	326	Footedale	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Scottdale
220	220	Francis No. 1	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
50	50	Francis No. 2	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
90	80	Freda	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
119	119	Garwood	Ætna-Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
58	58	Genuinn	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
400	350	Griffin Nos. 1 & 2	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
210	210	Herbert	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
52	.....	Hilltop	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
74	74	Hoover	James H. Hoover	McClellandtown
38	38	Hope	Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
100	100	Hurstead	Hurstead-Semans Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
260	130	Isabela	Isabella-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
140	120	Katherine	Union Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	200	LaBelle	Labelle Coke Co	Labelle
220	220	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co	Belen
402	400	Lambert	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
516	466	Leckrone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30	30	Leon	Franklin Coke Co.	Uniontown
400	400	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
250	250	Low Phos.	Connellsville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
46	46	Madison	United Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
64	64	Marion	Southern Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
244	244	Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Youngstown, O.
202	.....	McKeefrey	McKeefrey Coal Co.	Leetonia, Ohio
257	110	Millsboro	Bessemer Coke Co.	Pittsburg
160	150	Mt. Hope	Mt. Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
60	60	Murphy	Echard Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
30	.....	Newcomer	Newcomer Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	100	Old Home	W. J. Marshall	Uniontown
480	470	Orient	Orient Coke Co.	Uniontown
34	34	Parshall No. 1	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
168	158	Parshall No. 2	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
30	30	Perry	Perry Coke Co.	Pittsburg
72	72	Plumer	Plumer Coke Co	Uniontown
400	400	Republic	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Uniontown
120	76	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co.	Osterop
350	350	Ronco	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
373	310	Royal	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
30	30	Sackett	H. S. Sackett Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
378	378	Searlight	Taylor Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
280	250	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	100	Solon	Prospect Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
310	310	Sterling	Consolidated C'ville Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
400	400	Thompson No. 1	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
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306	306	Tower Hill No. 1	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
394	364	Tower Hill No. 2	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
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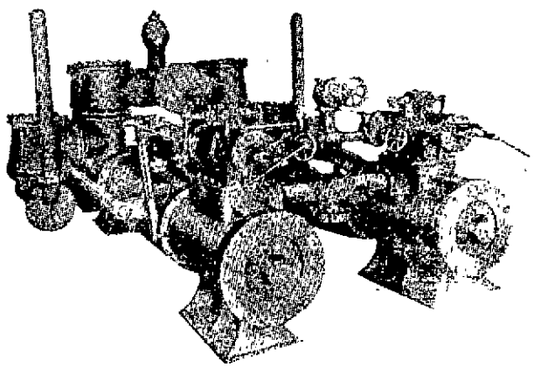

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THE WILSON TARIFF

It is announced from Washington that the revision of the Tariff, which will be the first consideration of the extra session of the Congress will be made under the immediate supervision and personal direction of President Wilson and that the revision will be along Free Trade lines

President Wilson has a notion that the High Tariff is responsible for the High Cost of Living and that the reduction or removal of customs duties will reduce the cost of the necessaries of life He is convinced that Protection is little short of Plain Robbery and he would throttle the robbers by slashing every American industry

At the same time the President agrees with the conservative element of the Democracy that the Democratic party cannot afford to give consideration to the possibility of a reduction in the wages of 7 000 000 workmen in the United States Under the operation of the indicated Wilson Tariff experts estimate that at least one-third of existing American trade will be taken by European manufacturers and it will be taken simply because the foreign producers pay much lower wages than are paid in this country Under such Tariff conditions as are proposed it is evident that this trade can only be retained by reducing wages If wages are not reduced we will suffer a serious business depression which in itself will probably force wages downward. The prospects are not promising

The Democratic press and the misguided citizens who helped to bring about our present political plight will call us croakers and point with noisy confidence to the fact that both before and since the election business has been booming and the country has been prosperous but it will be remembered that nothing has yet happened to disturb business and stop prosperity from now on it seems that things are going to happen

It is reported further that Chairman Simmons of the Senate Finance Committee and Chairman Underwood of the House Ways and Means Committee and other Congressional leaders are engaged in the Pontius Pilate act of washing their hands of all responsibility in this matter They can never escape that responsibility They are representatives of an independent branch of the government and they are cajoled or coerced at their own peril In the performance of their duty they should not permit themselves to be bulldozed by the President or anybody else The Constitution never contemplated that the Executive power should unduly influence the Legislative power and until the strenuous day of the iconoclastic precedent breaker with the Big Stick no President ever so far forgot the dignity of his office as to descend to the plane of the lobbyist and personally whisper his solicitations and his official promises into the ears of members of the Congress

The Courier before the election warned the people of the Connellsville coke region against the possibilities of radical Tariff revision Many Democrats and some Republicans fat with prosperity made light of the matter saying there would be no serious disturbance or that our stalwart industries needed no further protection We sincerely hope they are right and we are unduly apprehensive Time will tell

In the meantime the Democrats are satisfied because they are in power T Roosevelt is satisfied because he has destroyed the Republican party many Progressives are satisfied because they hope to secure leadership from that alleged destruction the Republicans are naturally not hilarious over the loss of power but they are resigned and even cheerful

But the people are in doubt and must remain so until the full extent of the Democratic cyclones and floods which threaten the business situation shall have been fully known

THE PROGRESSIVE WHIPS

The Legislative session at Harrisburg is to be enlivened by the presence of the Honorable William Jennings Bryan Secretary of State and Premier of the Democratic administration at Washington and William Flinn the Angel of Pennsylvania Progress and the Political Mentor of Theodore Roosevelt

These two great men come at the same time and it is suspected for a similar purpose namely the whipping into line of Democrats and Progressives for the radical and visionary measures which certain political influences hope will make a great hit with the unwary Common People and thus keep their scows sailing before the popular breezes to desirable ports of opulence and opportunity

While the propriety of the presence of the Peerless One and the usefulness of the visit of the former Pittsburg Ringmaster may be questioned there will be no objection to them on the part of the Republican members of the Legislature who are earnestly engaged in the formulation of constructive legislation on practical lines designed for the real advancement of good government and the lasting benefit of the plain people Progressive legislation is not confined to the Progressives be they Democrats or Bull Moose

Just how the Democrats will receive the orders of Secretary Bryan is doubtful Their human nature will perhaps revolt against this petty dictatorship Things have truly come to a pretty pass when the necessities of any party require that its Cabinet members stand guard over State Legislatures and direct their budding statesmen what to do The latter are of full age and average intelligence They ought to be able to think for themselves, and they probably feel somewhere beneath their vests that they are competent to do so

They furthermore probably feel that the Washington statesmen have plenty of their own business to attend to

THE TARIFF AND THE TIMES.

Shortly after President Wilson was elected he indicated that he would be the last man in the country to do anything to disturb the gratifying era of prosperity which enveloped the nation He regarded the unchanging good times as a justification of his choice and threatened to hang higher than Haman the man or men who halted that prosperity

It looks just now as if the President had better order the gibbet made after his own measure He has taken the Tariff revision entirely in his own hands and has ordered the passage of a drastic bill Industry is protesting despairingly The Democratic manufacturers whose sense of security was lulled into depose and who never regarded Tariff pledges seriously are confronted with the spectacle of being stabbed in their own political household Other manufacturers who had failed to appreciate Republican protection, are were victims of political unrest are now extremely restless themselves They see their chickens coming home to roost

The Courier warned the manufacturing world both before and after the election, of this possibility but the tide of prosperity was rolling so full and fur that prophets of disaster were laughed at as croakers The preacher of trouble has a thankless task We do not fancy the job We hope that the Democratic administration may see its way better and that the dangers which now beset American industry through a too radical disturbance of the Tariff may be removed

The Protective Tariff has much to do with preserving American prosperity The duration and volume of the latter will depend largely upon the extent of the Democratic downward revision

GAS WELLS IN COAL WORKINGS

The State Mining Department deems the subject of safeguarding the lives of miners from the dangers of gas wells driven through coal measures being mined so important that it has refused to permit a Westmoreland county coal company to agree privately with a gas company upon the manner in which the latter's gas well shall be driven through the coal company's workings

The intervention of the State Mining Department was proper The State occupies the position of a third party at interest It represents humanity and it is quite within its police powers in demanding that gas companies shall not peril the lives of miners by dangerous practises

The proceedings in the Dauphin county courts should be promptly supplemented by the passage of the bill regulating such gas well drilling When that bill becomes a law perhaps it will not be necessary for anybody to go to court

DICTATOR

Progressive politics have made a Dictator out of a Democrat President Wilson has assumed the legislative as well as the executive powers of government He has framed a Tariff bill after his individual ideas and has served notice on members of the Congress that if any dare oppose it he will in his own chaste professorial language go to the mat with them

The Constitution of the United States says All bills for raising revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives but the Senate may propose or concur in amendments as on other bills The principal revenue raising bill is the Tariff act It seems that it not only originated in the White House but that both House and Senate are forbidden to amend it in any important particular The Constitutional rights of the Congress are about to be wrested from it by the President When the Executive has assumed the powers of the Legislative branch of the government and dominated the Judiciary what will there be left of that Republican Government instituted by the Patriots a century ago after they had shaken off the yoke of anarchy?

Before the election we were told by optimistic complaisant and well meaning citizens that Woodrow Wilson would make an ideal President that he would be conservative that he would lay violent hands upon no industry that prosperity would be safe in his care

A gentle and mild mannered cow is dangerous in a china shop and a Democratic President who starts out by assuming the powers of a Dictator and revising the Tariff according to Theory and regardless of Practise is even more dangerous to the country than the cow in the china shop

THE COST OF LIVING

The race between England and Germany to determine which shall maintain the biggest navy afloat has reached such costly proportions that English statesmen have proposed to German statesmen that naval expenditures be suspended for the coming year The matter is under advisement but so great is the feeling of jealousy and distrust between the nations that it is not probable the suspension will be brought about.

It is a fact however that the immense cost of the armies and navies of the European governments is a large factor in the high cost of living In this country where such expenditures are limited the high cost of living remains in a large degree the cost of high living

STONING THE DOG

The stoning of the dog was fun for the boys but death to the dog The Democratic Tariff revision would be amusing if it did not threaten the prosperity of the country President Wilson has taken the job out of the hands of the Senate and House whose leaders announce that they "drop responsibility therefor, though just how they can rid themselves of that responsibility is difficult to understand They represent a coordinate branch of the government an integral portion of the ruling system and it is their right as well as their duty to preserve the integrity of that branch or portion Failure to do so will subject them to the accusation of having been browbeaten by the executive or bribed by the appointing powers

President Wilson proposes it is stated, a 3-year probation on Free Sugar and Free Wool so that these interests may prepare themselves for the change but no consideration whatever is to be extended to Free Steel Rails Free Iron Ore and other radical cuts in the steel and iron schedule The metal schedule as nearly as can be ascertained will be practically a Free List It is without a friend at court Commenting on the situation, the Cleveland Iron Trade says

Wages of iron workers capital invested in many cases including all the earthly possessions of hard working men the future of many industrial centers and all these matters have been thrown into the discard as unworthy of notice All this was foreseen when Wilson was declared elected last November The man who did not see his never had the experience of living through any of the Tariff for revenue only periods of the past 25 years Of course it is not to be expected that many Americans who were not born when the Tariff for revenue only cry arose in the early 70's will even take the trouble to look up the history of their own country covering these periods Like most Progressives they just know by instinct at first handed knowledge is scarcely to be expected of the average Revisionist He is too busy wielding the axe and exercising his lungs to have either a look at or a care for whatever he aims his axe at In the not far distant future however all these matters will be readjusted But it is feared that the readjustment will not come until after many groans and tears from men who today are cock sure that they alone know what ails their country utterly oblivious to the fact that the country's ailments are directly traceable to themselves

The people responsible for the election of President Wilson and the Democratic Congress may not agree with this Protective view of the situation and the views may prove altogether wrong but the disquieting fact stands distinctly forth that the assuring hope held out by the optimistic Wilson men that the New Jersey Governor was sane and safe on the Tariff and all other public questions and that there would be no serious disturbance of any of them is not being realized

Reducing the metal schedule to Free Trade basis may not in the farming sections be considered a serious disturbance of the iron and steel industry but here in the Connellsville coal region we know from the bitter experiences of the past that the blow will fall with crushing force

WILSON POLITICS

President Wilson evidently wants to create the impression that his Democracy is of the strictest Progressive type but to Bryan it is its antithesis spectacular or sinister The country can afford to laugh at the former but the latter is not a matter of jest The solemn warnings of the fathers and the fateful lessons of history teach us that Eternal Vigilance is the price of Liberty

Progressivism tramples upon tradition ignores custom and sneers at the Constitution President Wilson has already defied the spirit of the Constitution which contemplates three coordinate branches of government unaffected of each other The legislative branch makes the laws the executive branch enforces them and the judicial branch interprets them Here we have the Initiative the Referendum and the Recall The President however has a veto power in legislation and it is his right and his duty to suggest such legislation as he finds advisable or necessary in his experience as an administrator but such suggestions are properly contained in his written communications to the Congress commonly called messages

President Wilson is not content with advising the Congress that in his judgment a revision of the Tariff is necessary permitting the lawmakers to work out the details and present them to him in the shape of a law He proposes to prepare the law himself and personally urge its passing on the floor of the House and in the chamber of the Senate If we have come to the point where the President originates the legislation as well as approves it we may well prepare for the abolition of representative government in the high as well as in the low places and prepare our minds for oligarchies and dictatorships

Modern political progress is leading us pretty far afield Between Bryan and Roosevelt the Peerless Leader and the Peerless Buster the voyage of discovery is proceeding bravely but there's going to be a big kick when the passengers Wake Up

DEMOCRATIC POSTAL REFORM

The Democrats are naturally not so strong for classified fourth class postmasters as they were under Republican administration but having placed themselves on record when in the minority consistency compels them to respect that attitude now that they have attained to a majority

Their platform commits them to a Civil Service honestly and rigidly enforced But that was before the election Positions not platforms are now demanded

The list of fourth class and every other class postmasters is to be purged of incompetents and political malefactors of great pull to the end that the Civil Service shall be purified and made as nearly as possible Democratic

If this be treachery the country can make the most of it That's what the Democrats are going to do

HOW WAS THE MONEY SPENT?

The Washington Observer from time to time received complaints from taxpayers that the Road Supervisors do not furnish them with the information about the expenditure of the money entrusted to them for road building and repairs in their townships that the reports of the auditors are not published and that it is impossible for them to receive the information as to how the money is spent

"The citizens of every township and borough," says The Observer are entitled to know how their Supervisors their School Boards and their Councils spend the money which has been entrusted to them by the taxpayers and which these citizens have paid directly into the treasury Are the Supervisors of every township of this county spending the money wisely economically and judiciously? The people have a right to know The Supervisors or Auditors ought to publish a statement of their business each year and give an accounting

Such statements are required to be published but in Fayette county it is safe to say that 75 of them never see the publicity of a newspaper column They are written out and tacked up in some obscure place giving the impression that the authorities are ashamed of them often they have reason to be and sometimes this hiding of the light under the bushel may be prompted by less worthy reasons

Public sentiment will change all this If the taxpayers insist upon these publications they will be made The taxpayers ought to insist because greater information and discussion of the work of these officials will stimulate criticism and criticism will stimulate better efforts and ward off temptation to do things which should not be done

TELEPHONE RATES

The standardization of telephone rates in Pennsylvania tentatively undertaken by the State Railroad Commission is discovers the fact that Connellsville has little to complain of in this regard

Put in a further situation is due to home and home capital rather than any voluntary and [illegible] love of service

Telephone rates were unjustifiably high in Connellsville and the coke region until the formation of the local telephone company and the establishment of reputable rates Then it was that rates came down a fair basis [illegible] there is [illegible] maintained in local hands

Some of the stockholders of this company with greater public spirit than personal avarice resisted the merger of the company with another which was in [illegible] danger of falling into the maw of the monopoly [illegible] telephone rates at [illegible] may be worked out satisfactorily but the best regulation is had by home competition properly supported by an intelligent and helpful home community

WILSONIAN DIGNITY

President Wilson says it is dignified to read his messages to the Congress instead of permitting it to be mumbled by a clerk

There will be difference of opinion on this point but there will be no dispute about the impropriety of the President's conduct if he seeks by his presence in the halls of Congress to influence legislation It is very certain that such conduct on his part will be generally look upon as undignified until anything and [illegible]

The President should go back to the White House and content himself with written messages and confining with the Honorable W Bryan to the style of his composition and the propriety of his conclusions

William Flinn is reported to have his political agents at work in Pittsburg feeling the public pulse and preparing the public mind to the shock of his candidacy for Mayor The Mayoralty would be a position at the heart of the ex-boss He would have to deal only with a very small Council The present city government is a rather wise corporation That's the kind of city government William once ran with great success not to mention liberal profit

Fresh meat seems to be a potent factor in the high price of existence just now but why be a cannibal creature in the gentle and green spring time

A Washington county woman asks a divorce from her husband She alleges that he does not provide for his family and that he is so lazy that during her recent illness of typhoid fever he refused to pass her medicine to her but compelled her to rise from her bed of sickness and get it If she can prove half her complaint she should have a divorce and no questions asked while her lazy and shiftless husband should be bound out to keep the peace and work hard enough to provide alimony

With a compromise President in sight there is hope of peace in Mexico

Out of the wreckage of the Ohio flood comes enlarged and improved passenger service to Connellsville in the shape of another through train between New York and Chicago The B & O Interstate Limited which formerly ran via the main line westward from Cumberland will hereafter run via the Connellsville and Pittsburg divisions

Friends of the American Suffragette who succeeded in getting herself incarcerated in an English jail because of her riotous conduct ask that she be released on the ground that her mind is being affected by the rubber tubing used to force into her stomach that necessary nourishment which she refuses to voluntarily to take Some people imagine they have heart disease when their stomachs get out of order but in this case the Imagination seems to have gone to the head

The United States Steel Corporation may have contemplated an enlargement of its holdings in the Illinois coal field but the fact that it has allowed its options to expire would indicate that its contemplation had undergone a change

Latrobe had located a new industry in the shape of an electric steel plant Latrobe has unostentatiously located a number of successful manufacturing industries within its limits by going after them and meeting their requirements as to suitable sites and proper financial assistance after they are brought in Latrobe has been able to do this promptly and effectively because her substantial citizens have joined earnestly and unhesitatingly together in providing such assistance as has been necessary The doctrine of Reciprocity fully understood and highly respected in Latrobe

Connellsville must be a live town otherwise New York capitalists would not want to set up branch establishments here and pay large sums for long leases Mud Island isn't dead It's right next to Manhattan It's only a few hours from Broadway and it has White Lights of its own

The Good Samaritan was the pioneer [illegible] His example is universally conceded to be a worthy one to follow

Colonel Crago gets his home town a $75 000 post office building before his usefulness in Congress ended In view of the fact that he got it out of a Democratic House it is probable the Colonel might have been even more successful in the [illegible] that he was as a legislator

When Louisiana voted almost unanimously for a Democratic National administration on a Tariff for revenue platform its people presumed of course that their sugar industry would be protected They deserve all that's coming to them

Editor Anderson A Walters of the Johnstown Tribune nominates Editor John F Stewart of the Washington Observer for United States Senator the Progressive organs seem to be already of the opinion that he covets desirable offices

More business coming to Connellsville is not exactly big business but it is [illegible] to help [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

South Connellsville is keeping down the taxes answer [illegible] government substantially satisfactory

The Belle Vernon Enterprise [illegible] [illegible] Algebra in the public schools [illegible] High School [illegible] common school [illegible]

article"

Connellsville [illegible] modern [illegible] That the town has not had one sooner has been due to the fact that most of [illegible] [illegible] trade [illegible] tanks were delivery [illegible] from [illegible] gasoline

The funeral procession of John Pierpont Morgan through [illegible] is that [illegible] king

Of course Connellsville is for the million dollar Youghiogheny river dam above Somerfield but we would prefer the million dollars invested in going industrial concerns at Connellsville

The Indian Creek Valley railroad wants its express charges absorbed too There is no reason why there should be any discrimination in railroad matters

Standard Oil is no longer a monopoly It controls but little over one half the oil business of the country and that percentage is growing small the time The Steel Corporation does not dominate the steel and iron trade though its influence is great and such as it is it has always been exercised for good The Terrible Trusts have been thoroughly tamed by Republican influences

The Indian Creek Valley railroad is beginning its spring cleaning early

The peculiar incident at the Homestead mills on Saturday indicates that the warnings issued to miners on the eve of barometric changes should also be extended to the coal breakers of the mills

Another Mount Pleasant industry has gone up in smoke It should go up again in brick and steel

The Public Utilities Commission is growing in size and salary It is now proposed to make the number of commissioners seven instead of five and to fix their salaries at $10 000 annually Judged by the salary a Public Utilities Commissioner is as big as a Governor

Every consideration of business and sentiment urged the changing of the name of the Superba Coal Company

The Youghiogheny river water storage dam has taken a fresh start in the Senate after having been lost in the fogs of the House

A large number of electric charters are being granted at Harrisburg In fact it is said to be one of the largest electrical showers that ever fell on Capitol Hill

The new Governor of West Virginia hopes to pacify Paint creek The deportation of a few Undesirable Citizens will do more to accomplish the task than anything else

It's all right for the railroads to run to and by their stations but they should avoid running into them and through them

The H C Frick Coke Company graduates some professional baseball players as well as many mining experts

The surrounding country is not yet true to the top but at the present rate of deforestation it soon will be

The coal investments from [illegible] people are coming back [illegible] with front

The Democratic Congress will tackle the Currency as well as the Tariff is the latest political rumor If they would only stop at that

President Wilson's aims to appreciate the editors [illegible] how he feels toward the near editors and the editors has not yet developed

The statement that the [illegible] [illegible] Morgan's [illegible] hard after [illegible] the Panama Canal matter [illegible] his patriotism He was [illegible] [illegible] financially and morally

Some Harrisburg Reformers should be Recalled

We have the authority of a Polish workman for the statement that W W Wilson [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the Industrial World of the World [illegible]

William Flinn [illegible] [illegible]

The Patcher [illegible] [illegible]

The Pittsburg [illegible] [illegible] for one man [illegible] [illegible]

The Great [illegible] Bonding [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The proposition to prohibit by law the use of [illegible] gasoline [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] without due consideration

The use of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] than usual during the first [illegible] of [illegible]

The express companies admit that they have been hard hit [illegible] Parcel Post [illegible] commission [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] truth Washington [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the companies [illegible] [illegible] business

The Pennsylvania railroad trainmen didn't wait for the strike fever to get down to them They just naturally [illegible] out and tamped down their own case

Connellsville has a very happy and healthy spring [illegible] [illegible] way In its career of greatness Mud [illegible] and may not be halted

The standardization of telephone rates will not [illegible] some of the phones [illegible] rates as well [illegible] [illegible] in Connellsville [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the law compelling the companies to raise a low rate

The suggestion of the Courier that third class cities be permitted to decide for themselves whether [illegible] Government [illegible] commission form of proposition embodying the [illegible] gives the cities the right to make their own form of government and to alter the same at pleasure If the Commission Government is to be thrust upon numerous [illegible] communities they will welcome [illegible] which gives them a proper voice in their own affairs

On top of the higher [illegible] comes the report that [illegible] grocery [illegible] hands [illegible] It must have been an open switch

The Honorable William [illegible] Bailey member from Cambria county has been given the Chairmanship of the Committee on Mileage The [illegible] intelligence of Editor Bailey deserves something better than the chance of computing travel pay He should have been given a place on the Ways and Means Committee and the Chairmanship of the Sub Committee on Single Tax

The False Statement bill is a law and people now impose upon a newspaper at their imminent peril

Cupid is suspected of maintaining a central agency in Somerset county Among the Frosty Sons of Thunder the rule seems to be Young men for love and old men for cities

The Bell telephone company has shortened its official name from the Central District & Printing Telegraph Company to the Central District Telephone Company Now if the Maryland Pennsylvania & West Virginia Telephone & Telegraph Company will cut down its everlasting cognomen the reform in telephone nomenclature will be complete

It is said that Opportunity knocks but once at the door but many a poor fellow foolish to embrace her has opened the door only to find Importunity there

Concrete has saved some butted off the sidewalk

The [illegible] administrations of California [illegible] empty treasuries [illegible] [illegible] public [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] reform [illegible] [illegible] but they seem to [illegible] to learn about practical government

The Greatest Common Adviser of Democ[illegible] Democratic legislators who refuse to march strictly according to the music of the Trumpet [illegible]

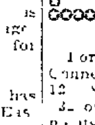
The flood of flood pictures is never-ending

The moving picture playhouses have been the subject of considerable official recognition recently but most [illegible] coming to them They should be clean morally and physically and safeguarded against accidents

Every now and then we hear the [illegible] Shall the People Rule? [illegible] that [illegible] set the Honorable Bull [illegible] and his Bull [illegible] on the way to power [illegible] echoed by every cheap [illegible] seeking cheap notoriety or cheap living at the expense of the people

And [illegible] still marches in the ranks of the English Suffragettes

Premier Bryan may not be running the Wilson administration but the Wilson views of the Tariff question is singularly like that of the Peerless One and conspicuously unlike that of Underwood Clark and others who [illegible]



Looking Backward.

News of the Past Condensed From the Files of The Courier

APRIL 7 1893

For the week ending April 1 the Connellsville coke region produced 12 [illegible] tons of coke There were 12-[illegible] ovens active and 4 3 idle Shipments for the week aggregated 7 316 cars Market quiet but steady

Town Council considers plan for paving [illegible] Street

H C Frick & Co secures option on 500 acres of coal land in Nicholson township [illegible] acres in Springhill township at $200 per acre

Mine inspectors reports show coke production in the Connellsville region for the year 1892 of [illegible] tons

Work commenced on a block of 300 ovens at Oliver No 2 plant of the Oliver Coke & Furnace Company

McClure Coke Company starts construction of water plant at Cool Spring [illegible] to supply Lemont Nos 1 and 2 plants

APRIL 3 1903

Coke production in the Connellsville region for the week ending March 28 [illegible] tons [illegible] ovens active and 731 ovens idle Shipments for the week were 11 541 cars Producers behind in filling orders and [illegible] working full time

Baltimore & Ohio railroad prepares to open low grade branch of Connellsville division above Confluence Trains passing over division by way of Harnedsville avoid Brook tunnel

Conducters and motormen of the Pittsburg McKeesport & Connellsville street railway company get wage increase of 11 per cent

Work on new Sligo mills nearing completion Company expects to engage in manufacture of iron in June

Postal Telegraph Company plans to extend lines to Connellsville Uniontown and Morgantown

Steel viaduct between Scottdale and Everson under construction for the Pittsburg McKeesport & Connellsville Railway Company

Fifteen new summer cars purchased by the Pittsburg McKeesport & Connellsville Railway Company

Contract for erection of New Haven National Bank building awarded

Report of Connellsville postoffice for quarter ending March 31 compiled by Assistant Postmaster Arthur L Kurtz shows that business of office has increased over 100% during last five years Receipts for quarter $6 [illegible]6 84

APRIL 9 1883

Standard coke plant of [illegible] Huntington [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] idle ovens making 50 [illegible] in blast

Mines on the Bell [illegible] branch of the Baltimore & Ohio making poor time

Miners of Osceola threaten to strike [illegible] wage reduction

Latrobe Coal Company's mine at Latrobe suspends [illegible] [illegible] on account of flooded workings

Ashtabula Coal & Coke Company buys 130 acres of coal land lying between Stewart and Scott Haven

Saltsburg Coal Company and Foster Coal Company consolidate under name of Saltsburg Coal Company with works at Fairbanks and Foster

Plans being made to erect a bridge over the Youghiogheny river at Broad Ford

Contractor begins work on new borough water works

Baltimore House purchased by W A McHugh Consideration $16 000

Town Council reorganizes electing J M Snyder President H P Snyder Town Clerk and J P Norton Treasurer

Engineer corps of Harrisburg & Western [illegible] town working on route through Connellsville

Captain C C Mackle, said to have fled with $60 000 cash belonging to firm of Markle & Sons captured in Cincinnati and compelled to give back $2[illegible] 000

Methodist Protestant Church on Apple street erected in 1830 torn down to make way for new structure

Abe Martin

To poorer a family is th more ferocious its watch dog seems t be

A feller rarely recovers from gittin th nomination fer anythin

Th feller that sings at his work never hears th whistle

PRESIDENT WILSON, ON FLOOR OF HOUSE, DISCUSSES TARIFF

Pleads in Person for Bill That Will Make Americans Alert

AGAINST ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS

Existing Tariff Wall Offered No Incentive for Efficiency, He Tells Congress, Proposed Measure is So Radical That Senators are Stunned

WASHINGTON April 8—History was made on Capitol Hill today when the President of the United States discarded the ancient tradition of having his message read before Congress and delivered his address in person. His auditors state that it was the best message ever delivered before that body by a President.

The President appeared in the House a few minutes before 1 o'clock and at 1 08 he was leaving. It just took him eight minutes to deliver the address. As he took his place on the Speaker's rostrum he presented an appearance of nervousness. His face was more pallid than usual and the deep lines that have appeared there since he assumed his present duties were more noticeable in the bright light that shone through the glass ceiling of the hall.

"I am very glad to have the opportunity to appear before this body and deliver my message in person," he began. "I want the Congressmen and Senators to regard me as a person and not a Department of State. I am a human being and in my dealings with Congress I expect to deal with human beings. I expect to visit the Capitol whenever the occasion shall arise."

After this occasion he said he would feel more free to visit the legislative halls. He then proceeded with his formal message on tariff legislation.

Unattended save by a solitary Secret Service man who occupied a seat beside the chauffeur the President proceeded to the Capitol to revive the policy of Washington and Adams in personally addressing Congress.

The President left the White House in the executive automobile immediately following the Cabinet meeting. He went directly to Speaker Clark's room where he was met by the Speaker and Vice President Marshall. In the meantime the two houses had assembled in joint session. Two members from each body were appointed to notify the Chief Executive that Congress was in session, the formalities of the occasion having been carried out.

The President had no comment to make on the suggestion in the Senate that his plan was a return to the "speech from the throne" plan. He stood by his declaration yesterday that his way was the only dignified procedure.

Drastic cuts are made all along the line in the proposed tariff measure. So radical are the changes proposed that even the Democratic Senators were taken by surprise and it is anticipated that a bitter fight will be waged before the measure becomes a law. Whether some of the provisions can be carried remains to be seen.

Schedule K, which covers the textiles, is dealt a body blow. This was one of the most objectionable features of the Payne Aldrich tariff measure. Wool goes on the free list and other radical reductions are made.

The iron and steel industry is a heavy loser. Manufacturers say that but for the fact that foreign manufacturers are enjoying an abundance of orders at this time the new tariff would prove ruinous. As it is they are apprehensive. The iron and steel schedule as proposed is as follows:

Automobiles and motorcycles 45 per cent to 40 per cent.

Ferro manganese from $2 50 a ton to 15 per cent.

Round iron from $8 and $12 a ton to 5 per cent.

Iron and steel forging from 30 per cent to 15 per cent.

Ball and roller bearings from 45 to 35 per cent.

Sheet steel or iron now $6 to $15 cut to 20 per cent.

Tin plate now $24 a ton cut to 20 per cent.

Shotguns and rifles now $2 50 to $10 each changed to 35 per cent.

Table and kitchen ware from 40 to 25 per cent.

Steam engines printing presses machine tools, from 30 to 15 per cent.

Embroidering and lace making machines now free made dutiable at 25 per cent.

The schedule carries a blanket clause that articles or wares not especially provided for shall pay 50 per cent if wholly or partly of platinum gold or silver and 20 per cent if wholly or in chief value composed of iron steel lead copper nickel pewter zinc aluminum or other metal.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S MESSAGE ON TARIFF

I have called the Congress together in extraordinary session because a duty was laid upon the party now in power at the recent elections which it ought to perform promptly in order that the burden carried by the people under existing law may be lightened as soon as possible and in order also that the business interests of the country may not be kept too long in suspense as to what the fiscal changes are to be to which they will be required to adjust themselves. It is clear to the whole country that the tariff duties must be altered. They must be changed to meet the radical alteration in the conditions of our generation. While the whole face and method of our industrial and commercial life were being changed beyond recognition the tariff schedules have remained what they were before the change began or have moved in the direction they were given when no large circumstance of our industrial development was what it is today. Our task is to square them with the actual facts. The sooner that is done the sooner we shall escape from suffering from the facts and the sooner our men of business will be free to thrive by the law of nature (the nature of free business) instead of by the law of legislation and artificial arrangement.

We have seen tariff legislation wander very far afield in our day—very far indeed from the field in which our prosperity might have had a normal growth and stimulation. No one who looks the facts squarely in the face or knows anything that lies beneath the surface of action can fail to perceive the principles upon which recent tariff legislation has been based. We long ago passed beyond the modest notion of protecting the industries of the country and moved boldly forward to the idea that they were entitled to the direct patronage of the Government. For a long time—a time so long that the men now active in public policy hardly remember the conditions that preceded it—we have sought in our tariff schedules to give each group of manufacturers or producers what they themselves thought that they needed in order to maintain a practically exclusive market as against the rest of the world. Consciously or unconsciously we have built up a set of privileges and exemptions from competition behind which it was easy by any even the crudest forms of combination to organize monopoly until at last nothing is normal, nothing is obliged to stand the tests of efficiency and economy in our world of big business but everything thrives by concerted arrangement. Only new principles of action will save us from a final hard crystallization of monopoly and a complete loss of the influences that quicken enterprise and keep independent energy alive.

It is plain what those principles must be. We must abolish everything that bears even the semblance of privilege or of any kind of artificial advantage and put our business men and producers under the stimulation of a constant necessity to be efficient, economical and enterprising, masters of competitive supremacy, better workers and merchants than any in the world. Aside from the duties laid upon articles which we do not and probably can not produce therefore and the duties laid upon luxuries and merely for the sake of the revenues they yield the object of the tariff duties henceforth laid must be effective competition, the whetting of American wits by contest with the wits of the rest of the world.

I would be unwise to move toward this end headlong with reckless haste or with strokes that cut at the very roots of what has grown up amongst us by long process and at our own invitation. It does not alter a thing to upset it and break it and deprive it of a chance to change. It destroys it. We must make changes in our fiscal laws in our fiscal system whose object is development, a more free and wholesome development not revolution or upset or confusion. We must build up trade especially foreign trade. We need the outlet and the enlarged field of energy more than we ever did before. We must build up industry as well and must adopt freedom in the place of artificial stimulation only so far as it will build not pull down. In dealing with the tariff the method by which this may be done will be a matter of judgment exercised item by item. To some not accustomed to the excitements and responsibilities of greater freedom our methods may in some respects and at some points seem heroic but remedies may be heroic and yet remedies. It is our business to make sure that they are genuine remedies. Our object is clear. If our motive is above just challenge and only an occasional error of judgment is chargeable against us we shall be fortunate.

We are called upon to render the country a great service in more matters than one. Our responsibility should be met and our methods should be thorough as thorough as moderate and well considered based upon the facts as they are and not worked out as if we were beginners. We are to deal with the facts of our own day with the facts of no other and to make laws which square with those facts. It is best indeed it is necessary to begin with the tariff. I will urge nothing upon you now at the opening of your session which can obscure that first object or divert our energies from that clearly defined duty. At a later time I may take the liberty of calling your attention to reforms which should press close upon the heels of the tariff changes if not accompany them of which the chief is the reform of our banking and currency laws but just now I refrain. For the present I put these matters on one side and think only of this one thing—of the changes of our fiscal system which may best serve to open once more the free channels of prosperity to a great people whom we would serve to the utmost and throughout both rank and file.

LAYING SIDEWALK

Property Owners Begin Improvements Ordered on Pavements

Property holders are beginning to comply with the directions of Council to lay sidewalks in front of their residences. Several walks have been started on the South Side and West Side and on Fairview avenue. S M Goodman, A B Kurtz and L L West are having them laid.

A property owner on Baldwin avenue complained to Chairman W P Clark of the Street Committee against laying a 10 foot walk on that thoroughfare. He said that some of the property owners have put down 10 foot walks and others contemplate having the work done soon.

As it is not compulsory to lay a 10-foot walk on that street Chairman Clark said that a six or eight foot walk would be satisfactory. Sufficient space must be allowed however for an addition at some future time.

TELL OF MAN'S DEATH

Witnesses Say Victim Was Shot Nine Times by Di Pietro

UNIONTOWN, April 8—Four witnesses testified against Angelo Di Pietro today when his trial for the murder of Antonio Sheppis near Hopwood on July 20 was begun. That Di Pietro fired three bullets into Sheppis then reloaded his gun and shot six times more was testified to.

The witnesses were County Detective John Smith, Coroner H J Bell, Frank Kun and J S Hancock. The case is expected to occupy but little time.

For the second time Tony Bernardo, Sam Penseon, Patsy Pasquallo and Sam Trunzo have been placed on trial at this term. The men were acquitted of murder but are now charged with felonious shooting.

License Refused, Hotel Closes

BUTLER April 8—The Hotel Beam which has been run for 75 years at Harmony closed its doors today as the result of the recent refusal of the license court to renew the license. The house is the seventh in Butler county to close its doors for similar reasons during the last few weeks.

KEEGAN IS DEFIANT IN FIGHT ON ROADS; JOLTS BOSS HUMES

Fayette Member Refuses to Line Up Against Tener Highway Bill.

OTHER MEMBERS FOLLOW LEADER

Cochran, Goss and Howard Back Humes in Effort to Keep Bill in Committee. Favor Measure When Vote is Taken, Pass City Bill

HARRISBURG April 8—It was learned here today that an attempt was made by Democratic Floor Leader E Lowry Humes to whip Representative James J Keegan in line to vote to keep the $50 000 000 bond issue for good roads in the committee but that Keegan refused to follow the boss. Humes it is said now has a bill in the Senate which he wants passed and it was his idea to hold up the $50 000 000 bond issue measure until his bill had been favorably acted upon.

The Humes bill is purely personal it is said and not a Democratic measure. Keegan replied that he had petitions from voters from Fayette county asking him to vote for the bond issue and he refused to be driven into line even by his party leader to vote against the wishes of his constituents.

Cochran Goss and Howard other Fayette county members voted as Humes directed but later cast their ballots in favor of the bond issue when it was brought out for second reading.

The Senate today for the third time postponed final consideration of the woman's suffrage amendment fixing Tuesday April 22 for definite action. The vote was 27 to 19. The vote was as follows: For postponement—Alexander Clark Endsley Graff Heacock Hilton Hoke Huffman Homsher Judson Kurtz Martin Miller Mills Moore Nulty Powell Sensenich Sheatz Vare and Washers. Against postponement—Feldeman Buckman Catlin Cooper Crow DeWitt Fisher Gerberich Hall Herbst Hunter Jones Kline McNichol McNichols Morgan Salu.

The House referred the resolution presented by Schunk of Westmoreland for adjournment on May 15 to committee. Speaker Alter left the chair to speak against the resolution. The House today passed the bill making it a misdemeanor to receive or give tips.

The Senate yesterday by a vote of 34 to 7 passed the Clark bill enabling third class cities to adopt the commission form of government if the people so vote. The measure includes the initiative and referendum with a small Council of which the Mayor is to be a member.

The vote on the woman suffrage amendment was again delayed in the Senate. Lieutenant Governor Reynolds was again called upon to break a tie and voted to postpone final action last night.

The Governor's $50 000 000 State highway bond proposal was rescued from committee in the House after a bitter fight. It passed second reading.

The Senate passed finally the two House bills amending the acts safeguarding miners in and about anthracite and bituminous mines by punishing the obtaining of fraudulent certificates and extending to mine officers the power to enforce the act.

The Senate returned to the executive committee all of the House bills bearing on primary and general elections cleared the first and second reading calendars.

FUNERAL OF MRS. LINT

Former Resident of Lower Tyrone Township Buried at Cochran's

The funeral services for Mrs Harriet Lint, wife of Peter Lint took place at the Lint home near Cunningham's bridge west of Scottdale were largely attended. The minister in charge was Rev I Funk pastor of the Mt Nebo and Owensdale United Brethren Churches. The deceased was a daughter of the late Uriah and Elizabeth Fleenberger well known people of Lower Tyrone township where the decedent was born November 30 1834. She married Peter Lint on May 17 1859 and they began housekeeping near Dawson afterward coming to one of the Keister farms across Jacob's creek from the Methodist Episcopal Church of that name and later to the farm where she died. She leaves a husband and eight out of 12 children born the pair still living. They are Estep Lint of Perryopolis, Jesse Lint and Alexander Lint of near Cunningham bridge and Dempsey Lint at home and these daughters also at home Joann Elizabeth Alice and Ada. The decedent was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church at Broad Ford and although an invalid for 15 months preceding her death maintained a Christian fortitude and cheerfulness. The burial was in the Cochran cemetery.

TWO DIVORCE SUITS

Desertion Alleged in Both Actions Started in Somerset

SOMERSET April 8—Two divorce proceedings were instituted in the Somerset court yesterday. Frank Bridegum of Rockwood seeks a separation from his wife Flora Bridegum alleging desertion. His petition sets forth that they were married on October 20 1899.

The other libel in divorce was filed by Victoria Bobula Ciko in which she charges her husband with desertion. The couple were married in Austria on June 10 1906 and came to this country in 1907 the husband being charged with deserting his wife on November 25 1908.

Want a Dry Point Marion

The W C T U of Morgantown is launching a campaign to put the lid on saloons in Point Marion in order to keep their home town dry as possible. The dry forces do not expect to win this year but they hope to be successful next year.

FREIGHT TRAIN JUMPS TRACK AT OLIVER; TRAFFIC BLOCKED

Baltimore & Ohio Traffic is Detoured Over the Pennsylvania Tracks. Wires Down

Traffic on the Fairmont branch of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was blocked for several hours Tuesday by a wreck that occurred at Oliver Junction when a coke train plunged through an open switch and jumped the rail. The forward engine broke off a pole carrying telegraph wires interfering with communication and details from the wreck are meagre.

Word received at division headquarters here this morning were to the effect that a coke train being hauled by engines 2373 and 2235 left the rails at 8 30 o'clock, the forward engine pulling down an embankment and completely turning over on its side. Four cars immediately following the engine were also upset and their contents scattered along the track which was torn up for a considerable distance.

Division Engineer Philip Petri and a party of repairmen left immediately for the scene of the wreck. Arrangements were made to transfer traffic on the Fairmont branch to the Pennsylvania railroad and Baltimore & Ohio trains this morning came in over the Pennsy.

ANNIE, IMPATIENT, CALLS OFF WEDDING UNTIL LATER

Has to Wait too Long for Prospective Bridegroom So She Keeps Him Waiting

Miss Annie Hamburg who immigrated to America three years ago from Finland arrived in Connellsville last week from New York City where she has since been making her home. Annie was looking for John Hammerman a fellow countryman to whom she is to be married.

Annie's use of English is limited and it was with difficulty that it was formed. Assistant Ticket Agent Ray Shaw at the Baltimore & Ohio passenger station the object of her quest. Hammerman she said was employed as a brakeman by the railroad. Shaw made an investigation and found that Hammerman was on the Rockwood division with a train. He did not return for several hours and in the meantime Annie made herself at home in the passenger depot.

After sitting around for several hours Annie found that the prospect of married life had lost its charm. When the prospective bridegroom made his appearance she called negotiations off for the time being and went back to New York. Next time she comes her man will be right on the job she declared emphatically.

ELECTRIC COMPANIES MAY CLASH IN SOMERSET COUNTY

West Penn Thought to be Behind Movement to Obtain Charters in Nine Townships

SOMERSET April 8—The activity of men believed to be representatives of the West Penn is taken to indicate that a sharp skirmish is impending between that corporation and eastern interests which obtained charters for the same territory about a year ago. Thomas Gallagher, Allan Cunningham and Robert Uhl all of Somerset have given notice that they will apply for charters in the townships of Jenner, Quemahoning, Conemaugh, Somerset, Lincoln, Stonycreek, Shade and Brothersvalley and Somerset borough.

It is believed that this is part of a move by the West Penn to invade Somerset and tap the rich coal field in the northern section of the county after Johnstown has been reached.

Others believe that the belief that the Pittsburg, Westmoreland & Somerset railroad may ultimately be electrified affording a shorter route to Pittsburg by way of Ligonier.

As eastern capitalists have already obtained charters Somerset men believe there will be sharp competition for the franchises when the time comes to go after business.

PEACH CROP GONE AGAIN

Killing Frost During Night Starts Dire Tidings on the Way

The peach crop met its annual spring killing Monday night. In addition to a drop in the mercury to several degrees below the freezing point a heavy frost wrapped the region in a mantle of white that remained much in evidence long after sunrise.

It is predicted that the frost will prove serious for the fruit buds especially the peaches as they had been fairly well advanced owing to the moderate weather that prevailed up to a week or so ago.

The temperature dropped to 30 degrees. The highest mark Monday was 54. The weather hasn't been particularly warm for several days past but prior to that the buds were making good headway.

For the past several seasons the peach crop has met a like fate but peaches always appeared in the market on schedule time.

HE GETS CLOTHES LINES

Modest Raid is Made by Burglar on Fairview Avenue

The residence of Mrs J A Zimmerman on East Fairview avenue was entered by burglars on Friday. An entrance was gained through a pantry window and a bolt on the pantry door leading to the kitchen probably prevented the intruders from getting into other parts of the home.

The pantry was ransacked but all that was missing this morning was a basket containing several clothespins and two clothes lines. The basket was found this morning in an alley in the rear of the home.

MEN DOOMED TO DIE

Governor Tener Fixes Date for Execution of Three

HARRISBURG April 8—Governor Tener today fixed the date of execution for three men who are awaiting death for murder. They are as follows:

Frank M Calhoun Huntingdon county May 8. Dominic Peinouts Westmoreland county April 29. Joseph Erjerz, Westmoreland May 8.

BRAKEMAN BLAMED FOR WRECK WHICH KILLED TWO MEN

Coroner's Jury Charges Western Maryland Man With Incompetency.

MEN MET DEATH IN COLLISION

Five Witnesses Testify and it is Declared That Brakeman Cook Failed to Flag Passenger Train Returning Before He Had Been Called In

That Brakeman P A Cook of the Western Maryland freight train was guilty of incompetence and directly responsible for the wreck near Bidwell on March 20 when Fireman James J Shepherd and Fireman J J Hotchkiss were killed was the verdict of the Coroner's Jury at the inquest held Monday into the accident by Coroner H J Bell. Testimony was taken at J L Sims undertaking establishment. The persons returning including Shepherd and Hotchkiss ran into the freight train resulting in two deaths and the injury of others.

About 18 employes of the railroad from Cumberland and other points in the line were present. According to the testimony of the witnesses who were numbered on the crews of both the passenger and freight train the freight pulled into Bidwell siding in order to let the passenger through. Its caboose and several cars broke from the train before it pulled into the siding and remained on the main track. Engineer Lowe not knowing that the train had broken in two pulled on into the switch and the rest of the train again became broken.

On discovering the caboose and cars standing on the main track the conductor then dispatched Cook to flag the passenger. According to the testimony when he saw the freight train at the siding he came back with it not being recalled by the engine whistle. The conductor had sent him to flag the passenger but train No. 4 crashed into the freight before he was far enough down the track to flag it.

The jury was composed of William McCormick, W J Brooks, Frank Bradford, Samuel King Sr, F M Hood and J H Wine.

FOCHT IS CONFIRMED

Union County Man is on Water Supply Commission

HARRISBURG April 9—The Senate this morning confirmed the appointment of Benjamin K Focht of Union county a member of the State Water Supply Commission.

New bills introduced in the Senate this morning include those requiring reparation to be made in cases of prohibiting contractors from altering the amount of work so made; injuries in civil suits and giving Department of Health the right to regulate the operation of motor driven vehicles.

The House passed finally the bill to require that all hunters or drivers of motor power for the engineer to distinguish the form of a man lying in the track 800 feet distant.

A new bill was introduced in the House this morning providing for the licensing of all player pianos used in saloons or other public places.

The House this morning defeated the Kaiser bill providing for the division of cities in the State into four classes instead of three as now constituted. The bill authorizing county commissioners to appropriate money for agricultural extension work passed finally.

WILL LOWER MAINS

Water Superintendent Views Snyder Street With Street Chairman

Chairman W P Clark of the Street Committee inspected the Snydertown road Monday afternoon in company with Contractor Bernard O'Connor who has the contract to grade the thoroughfare and Superintendent Little of the Connellsville Water Company. Contractor O'Connor has been compelled to stop work on the road until the winter season expired and now he is prepared to resume operations.

Superintendent Little intends to lower the water mains on Snyder street. He will begin the work within the next few days it is expected.

BURGESS PAYS UP AND QUITS

Meets Alleged $800 Shortage and Resigns His Job

GREENSBURG April 8—Burgess J Nevin McConnell to whom the borough audit is had ended shortage charges of over $800 handed his resignation to Council at its monthly meeting last night. This action forestalled any suit or effort to recover which Council was prepared to discuss last evening.

Burgess McConnell after paying in full the amounts said to be missing by the borough auditors wrote his resignation and sent it to Council.

WIDOW GETS $1,350

Suit for $25,000 Against Construction Company is Settled

SOMERSET April 9—After a partial trial in civil court yesterday before Judge Ruppel the suit of Annie Kelsey against the Kerr Construction Company to recover $25,000 for the death of her husband Michael J Kelsey a settlement was effected by the terms of which the plaintiff was paid $1,350.

Kelsey who was a foreman on a steam shovel was killed by a fall of timbering in the new Sand Patch tunnel on August 27 1912.

Voters Will Name Senators

The direct election of United States Senators is now provided in an amendment to the Constitution. Connecticut being the 36th State to ratify it. States are given the right to prescribe the methods of such elections.

BOARD OF HEALTH FAILS TO RECOGNIZE TWO NEW MEMBERS

Vacancies Still Exist Their View. Men Named by Council Do Not Appear at Meeting

As far as the members of the Board of Health are concerned two vacancies exist on the board. At the annual reorganization meeting on Monday afternoon three members were in attendance. Dr F B Edie and W O Schoonover elected as members by Council at its last meeting were not present. The Board reorganized by selecting all of the officers to serve in the same capacities during the ensuing year.

Two vacancies still exist on the board despite the recent action of Council, said a member of the board today in discussing the election of two members from the Fifth district, a section of the city already represented by Dr McCormick.

This member declared that the Board had taken no action in the matter of making recommendations to Council as to selections for the posts made vacant by the death of Dr M I Shupe and the expiration of the term of [illegible] Marietta.

The Borough Solicitor, he declared, has said that the appointees of Council are illegible to serve and the board will leave the matter.

Health Officer Barthol [illegible] reappointment was unanimous as was the reelection of Secretary Alex R Hood and President J S McKee. Those present were Dr J S McKee, Dr J P McCormick and Dr [illegible] Baker.

A resolution of condolence was passed on behalf of Shupe who died two weeks ago after a lingering illness.

FIGHT TAX LEVY

Twenty Mills in a Somerset Township Too High Citizens Claim

SOMERSET April 9—On petition of citizens of Black township Judge Ruppel has awarded a rule on the road supervisors of that township to show cause why the tax levy of 20 mills for road purposes should not be reduced to 10 mills. The supervisors are Jacob H Miller, Samuel Bittner and Harrison Lattine.

Some time ago the supervisors had the court make a decree permitting them to make a levy of 20 mills instead of 10 mills which had been the customary rate. They assigned as reasons that the assessed valuation of the district is $24,987, that the ten mill rate would bring only $2,460, that the indebtedness is $790 35. They contended that nearly all the money to be realized from a ten mill levy would be needed for road work.

The present petitioners who will be given a hearing on April 19 claim that 20 mills road tax is unnecessary and oppressive. They submit that the township auditors report for 1912 shows a balance in the treasury of $5[illegible]69 outstanding tax of $312 85 unseated land tax of $[illegible] which items when added to the customary millage of 10 mills would produce a total of $4 [illegible] available for road purposes for 1913.

DIRECTORS' TERMS EXPIRE

Y M C A Nominating Committee Enters 13 Candidates for Election

An election will be held on Friday April [illegible] to choose successors to the present Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association whose terms expire this month. Directors will be selected to serve for terms of one, two and three years and each year hereafter an election will be conducted.

The nominating committee of the Association comprising J N Trout, Charles C Mitchell and A W Bishop have nominated 13 candidates for the offices. There are two candidates for the one year terms, six for the two year terms and six for the three year terms.

The candidates are: One year—R Beechbow and C W Hays; two years—J J Hooper, S I Ash, Dr H C Hoffman, Ernest Murrie, John Curry Sr and James C Long; three years—W N Leech, J L Sell, J A Armstrong, J W Horner, Worth Kilpatrick and Robert Norris.

Other names may be placed in nomination until April 14 when nominations close. Two or more members of the association are permitted to present a candidate. Voting will be in progress between 9 and 8 P M.

STIFF TAX FOR JOHN D

Under Income Tax Law He Would Pay Two Million a Year

NEW YORK April 8—Two million a year will be John D Rockefeller's contribution to the support of the government if the income tax now before Congress becomes a law.

Wall Street makes this estimate and rates the payments of some other multi-millionaires as follows: William Rockefeller $800 000, Andrew Carnegie $600 000, Henry Phipps $200 000, Henry C Frick $200 000, J P Morgan estate $300 000, E H Harriman estate $140 000, Mrs Hettie Green $120 000.

SEEK MAN'S RELATIVES

No One Has Claimed Body of Levi Haney Killed at Tower Hill

The body of Levi Haney 41 years old killed on Friday at Tower Hill No 1 by being run over by a train is still being held at the New Salem undertaking establishment of C B Durst awaiting relatives to claim it. Mr Durst has been endeavoring to get in touch with persons in Scottdale who are said to be related to the dead man.

Haney was married but his wife did not live with him and cannot be located.

PARCEL POST POPULAR

In Three Months 150,000,000 Packages Have Been Mailed

WASHINGTON April 8—The parcel post total for the first three months of its existence is 150 000 000 packages. March business was an increase of 55 per cent over January.

The large cities ranked as follows as to the number of packages mailed: Chicago, New York, Boston, Detroit, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Saint Louis, Brooklyn, Jersey City and Kansas City.

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ADOPT MANY RUSES TO DODGE TREATING RULE IN SOMERSET

Since It is Against Court's Ruling, Custom Becomes Popular.

SOME TREATERS FIND IT COSTLY

Man Who Gave Political Workers Fifteen Cents to Buy Whiskey Found They All Ordered Beer and Kept the Change. Some Become Generous

SOMERSET April 8—The [illegible] treating rule of the order of court forbidding the [illegible] [illegible] hotel keeper in [illegible] [illegible] what the court [illegible] in promulgating both rules. [illegible] Keeps [illegible] attorneys [illegible]

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[illegible] hotelkeeper and others present believing that [illegible] The bartender [illegible] astonishment of the [illegible] the hotel clerk paid [illegible] formed the landlord [illegible] [illegible] experiment [illegible]

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[illegible]

Uniontown Man Dead

Benjamin Franklin Elliott died last night at the home of his daughter Mrs Cecile [illegible] following a lingering illness. Mr Elliott had resided in Fayette county [illegible]

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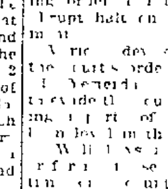

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LIQUOR HEARINGS HELD BY COURT; HOTELMEN WARNED

Judge Umbel Lays Down Law to the Applicants.

CITES REASONS FOR COMPLAINTS

Sidewalks in Front of Bars Must Always be Kept Clear Policemen are Told to be More Attentive, Selling to Intoxicated Men is Too Common.

UNIONTOWN, April 7.—License court opened here at 9 o clock this morning in the large court room, with Judges Umbel and Van Swearingen on the bench There were very few remonstrances filed this year and the hotels of the boroughs of Brownsville and Connellsville were unchallenged in their applications The remonstrances were chiefly against bars in the townships

Attorney James R. Cray asked for the granting of a license to John R McMullen the proprietor of the New Monongahela House in Brownsville which when finished will be one of the finest hotels in the county Attorney Cray stated that this hotel would fill a long-felt need of good hotel accommodations and that the applicant came of an excellent family in Luzerne township He further said that the community as a whole favored the granting of this application

The first remonstrance was presented by Attorney H. S Dumbauld against John J Noon proprietor of the York Run hotel at York Run The remonstrance signed by a number of citizens of Georges township and accompanied by depositions of Jas. L Donohue the former owner and A Y Stumm a former bartender, alleged chiefly that the applicant sold liquor without a license at the York Run House between February 25 and May 28, 1912, or from the time the hotel was transferred to Noon by Donohue until the court granted a transfer of the license Attorney Harry W Byrne represented the applicant and stated the application was signed by 24 qualified electors while only 9 qualified electors signed the remonstrance Attorney Byrne presented the deposition of five witnesses all of whom had signed the remonstrance These stated they had signed the remonstrance without knowing its contents Attorney Byrne further argued that the whole affair was a frame up between James L Donohue and Attorney Dumbauld This was featured by a sharp verbal tilt between the opposing attorneys The York Run House is the hotel that figures prominently in the equity suit filed by Jas L Donohue against John R Byrne Harry W Byrne and John J Noon

Attorney J W Dawson presented a remonstrance against the granting of a license to Jesse B Wyatt on the grounds that the proposed Isabella Hotel at Isabella in Luzerne township was too close to a church The remonstrance was signed by 163 persons Attorney L B Brownfield represented the applicant

There was no remonstrance filed against Harry Brady the proprietor of Monvue Inn at Monvue but Attorney J W Dawson objected in behalf of the Fayette County Sunday School Association

The most determined fight was made against the granting of licenses in Perry township Attorney W H Martin represented the remonstrants He declared that the remonstrances were signed by 478 persons 405 of whom were qualified electors There were 139 signers on the license petition Bambrey & Byrne at Perryopolis David L Carson at Banning and G F Corrado who proposes to erect a hotel at Banning were all unfit Attorney H W Byrne appeared for Bambrey & Byrne and J P Cray for Carson Attorney Dumbauld also argued against granting the licenses taking the legal view of the matter

Attorney L F Brownfield appeared in behalf of Howard F Shipley a new applicant from Grindstone in Redstone township Attorney J W Dawson objected on the grounds that the hotel would be too close to a school house and several churches

The annual remonstrances were filed against William Barton for license in Smithfield and Charles G Teed who again asks license for the Teed House in Uniontown The Methodist Episcopal church is the only remonstrant against Teed

There was only one objection against a distiller It being that filed against John H O Neil of Wharton township

This year there are 68 retail applicants, three of them new Eight remonstances were filed Of the 19 distilleries two are new and one remonstrance was filed There are 10 brewery applicants, one of them new and no remonstrances Judge Umbel, in considering the cases handed down the following opinion regarding the liquor traffic

For several years we have said but little at license court and this to some extent at least may be responsible for the seeming laxity on the part of some of the licensees in observing the law and the rules and regulations of the court We do not now propose any lengthy statement only a few words to remind you of some matters that we think need attention viz

1 Several of the hotels are not up to the standard—rooms and premises are not kept neat and clean closets and wash rooms are in bad condition and in several instances there has been complaint about the table

2 Proprietors of some hotels are cashing at a discount store order checks and then dealing them out at company stores This must be stopped In most instances the families of the men who sell such orders need the proceeds worse than the man who has a license to sell liquor

3 Proprietors of some hotels fail to keep the pavement in front of their premises clear of loafers and loiterers so that at times it is almost impossible for other people to walk along that part of the street

4 We are advised that some licensees have not shown proper respect for the request of the court, that they close on Memorial Thanksgiving and Christmas days. In the future any offending in that regard, either directly or indirectly, may expect an order of court either surrendering his license for not less than ten days or granting a rule to show cause why his license should not be revoked with his place closed pending the disposition of such rule

5 In the trial of cases in court it has been made to appear that in several instances the peace officers selected to maintain order at foreign weddings christenings etc, have become participants in the jollification and indulged to such an extent that they were incapable of performing the duties assigned them Greater care must be exercises in the selection of men for these duties None but honest sober, temperate courageous men should be so employed

6 Breweries and distilleries must not sell to nor furnish speakeasies Such dealers have no right to make sale any where except at the brewery or distillery and the sale of a single package otherwise by manager superintendent driver or other employe endangers the license In view of some recent decisions of our appellate court we would suggest that counsel for such dealers give them written opinions on the law governing the matter of how, when and where the sales may be and are made in such dealing

7 The policy of our law is to prohibit absolutely the furnishing of liquor in any form to minors In the rush of business barkeepers should be specially cautioned regarding this matter as a conviction of a violation in that regard is attended with severe penalty If there is the slightest question or doubt in any instance let it be resolved in favor of safety and against the would-be patron We have had no specific complaint but have heard rumors and general statements to the effect that proprietors and barkeepers have not been as careful as they should be in that regard

8 If our information is correct the law regarding the sale of liquors to men visibly affected is not being observed as it should be This is important A conviction of its violation would be attended with consequenses that might result in a revocation of the license In the larger boroughs there are entirely too many arrests for drunkenness and most of them are from this cause If a man is affected too much for you to sell him a drink over the bar you must not sell him a half pint pint or a quart in a bottle the number of bottles taken from drunken men at the lockup would indicate carelessness at least, on the part of barkeepers in that regard

9 Bar policemen are lax in the performance of their duties Every bar policeman should be a man employed or appointed with the approval of the Police Committee of the borough council and should be sworn in and vested with the authority of borough policemen His duty is in and about the bar to keep order to perform the duties of borough policemen in and about the premises, to keep undesirables—that is those not permitted to buy bums and loafers—out of the bar to assist the barkeepers and see that when a patron is visibly affected that no more liquor be furnished or sold to him to assist generally so far as possible in maintaining good order in the town the place of the bar policemen is not in the cellar helping to bottle or otherwise handle goods but while on duty his place is in and about the bar especially for the purposes aforesaid and to keep the pavement around the premises clear and to prevent loafing and loitering in the bar on the pavement or anywhere else about the premises they must not permit men to get drunk and then put them out the front or back door and leave them for the borough police to take care of If a man is drunk they should not permit him to enter the bar if he gets in and is so drunk he had to be put out or arrested the bar policemen should take him to the lockup and be prepared to give a proper and satisfactory statement of the matter at the hearing before the Burgess the next morning

It being the primary duty of proprietors through their bar policemen or otherwise to keep drunk men out of their bars consequently if a drunk man comes or is taken from the bar the presumption is strong that such bar is the place where he became drunk

We are advised that at least in the borough of Uniontown the Burgess holds hearings every week day morning at nine o clock at his office we direct and require that hereafter bar policemen attend such hearings and answer under oath all questions propounded to them by the Burgess bearing on their respective bars and we suggest that the Burgess ascertain when possible where the party who may be before him for drunkenness was brought from and where he last secured drink in a bar and what he may have on his person in the way of liquor when brought to the lockup, and that he note the same on his record

No one should complain of such practice and record it will assist and be a protection to the careful and will discover and expose the careless

10 The position we took some years ago regarding the employment of agents by breweries and distilleries has been approved by our appellate courts and the same continues regarding which we also suggest you have your counsel advise you

11 Regarding the division of territory that is a matter among yourselves with which the court has no concern other than to say that in our judgment it has worked satisfactorily and since its introduction and the elimination of competition at the various industrial centers we have not had one complaint from operators and others where we used to have a dozen If it can reasonably and consistently be done we suggest that it be continued

We do not want those whose applications may be granted to infer that there are not other matters in connection with licenses just as important as those mentioned There are and we expect and require the same care and observance in regard to them as to those herein referred to and stated

WILL IMPROVE ITS YARD.

Connellsville Coal Company Plans Erection of Storage Bins

The Connellsville Coal Company contemplates the erection of a modern coal storage and sales plant at their property on South Arch street in the near future

The project calls for the erection of six 50-ton bins a 200-ton drop open storage a large bin for anthracite coal and a bin for coke, giving the proposed plant a capacity of over 500 tons A switch is to be run from the Baltimore & Ohio tracks to the company s property It is to be of sufficient length to accommodate several cars at a time R K Long is manager of the company

Barron Waives Hearing

SOMERSET, April 4.—Henry F Barron former Cashier of the Farmers National Bank appeared before United States Commissioner A C Holbert today, waived a hearing and gave bail for $10 000 for his appearance in Pittsburg on May 5 for trial He is charged with embezzlement.

CONGRESS MEETS WITH DEMOCRATS IN FULL CONTROL

Champ Clark is Again Elected Speaker of the House.

PRESIDENT TO SMASH PRECEDENT

Wilson Will Deliver His Message on the Floor of House in Person, First Time in More than a Century That an Executive Has Taken Such Course

WASHINGTON, April 7.—With Progressive Democracy in full control, the ranks of the Republicans depleted and their old leaders gone the opening of President Wilson s special session of the 63rd Congress today was eloquent of transition from Nineteenth to Twentieth century political government New forces were in the ascendant, new phrases passed easily from tongue to tongue New measures and new viewpoints favored by the older men were in harmony with the confident claims of the new men fresh from the people, who crowded the House benches and filled in the Senate picture

Yet the ceremonial with which the House began its sittings was as old as its tariff problem The formal procedure that was in vogue when Henry Clay was on the floor served by mutual consent today

President Wilson has demonstrated that he is not at all adverse to shattering precedents It has been announced that the President will appear on the floor of the House tomorrow to personally deliver his message The last President to address Congress was John Quincy Adams just 100 years ago in 1813 President Madison declined an invitation to discuss foreign relations with the Senate

Clerk South Trimble stood at the Speaker s desk at noon and rapped for order Chaplain Couden offered prayer Trimble directed the reading of the President s proclamation calling the special session Then the roll was called The roll was answered in the order of the States with the Territories and dependencies following In the long list were 294 Democratic and 145 Republican and Progressive members besides the Delegates and Commissioners from Alaska Hawaii Porto Rico and the Philippines. The Democratic majority was overwhelming its responsibility complete

Absent from familiar stations were Uncle Joe Cannon long dictator of the House Nick Longworth son in law of Col Roosevelt Victor Berger pioneer Socialist member and many another who figured largely in Congressional news of the past two years On the new cane seated benches half encircling the rostrum were the successors of 117 members who failed to return and 35 men chosen from additional districts or from States at large Only five of the new members had ever sat in Congress before

The Clerk announced a quorum present and stated that vacancies existed in three districts—the Thirteenth Massachusetts First South Carolina and Tenth Texas He announced the next business to be the election of a Speaker Champ Clark of Missouri was placed in nomination for a second term on behalf of the Democratic caucus James R. Mann of Illinois was similarly presented by the Republicans Victor Murdock of Kansas was named by the Progressives The roll was called in alphabetical order and Clark was declared elected A committee of the three parties was named to escort him to the chair amid applause that swept the galleries and echoed through the chamber and the corridors beyond

Election of the Clerk Sergeant at Arms Chaplain and minor officials was secured by resolution offered on behalf of the majority caucus The Republican minority submitted its list of candidates as a substitute which was promptly voted down The officers were immediately sworn in

Under time honored precedent the lottery of seat drawing was the next scheduled procedure but the rearrangement of the House chamber whereby benches replaced the familiar desks and swivel chairs made a change necessary Leaders planned to submit to the House the proposition of whether members take any seats that suited them on all occasions or have a place definitely assigned In former Congresses the drawing for seats was one of the most picturesque incidents of the convening of the national legislature

In the Senate the procedure was without other special formality than the reading of the President s proclamation Election of officers and swearing in of new members had been disposed of before the March adjournment

At the White House this morning several Democratic members of the Senate Finance Committee were in conference with the President over the proposed tariff bill Representative Underwood says that the bill will cut the cost of living extensively Under its provisions the tariff on wool is cut to pieces doing away with the noted Schedule K the tariff on sugar is cut materially steel rails are placed on the free list and the duties on steel and iron products are slashed The duties on the necessities of life are either done away with entirely or are while the tariff on luxuries is maintained

PHOTOS OF FLOOD

Street Commissioner Stauffer Gets News from His Daughter

Street Commissioner James Stouffer is in receipt of photographs of flood scenes in Martin Ferry, Ohio which were sent him by his daughter Mrs A. H Murrie who resides in that city

Mrs. Murrie lives in a three-story brick building, and in one of the pictures the structure is shown entirely surrounded by water In another photograph is shown a street that was devastated by the flood.

WESTMORELAND'S BEAR ROCK CAVE IS POINT OF INTEREST

Visitors to Kecksburg Find Trip Up Mountain Interesting, Covers Nearly an Acre.

The original Bear Rock cave of Westmoreland county, although there are several imitations of it in the mountains is situated on top of Chestnut Ridge, two miles east of Kecksburg, according to the Greensburg Tribune There is a smaller cave on Laurel Hill mountain and another in Fayette county near Fairchance, but the Bear Rock cavern is the largest in this section

This cave is about an acre in area and is located on the estate of the Robert Dillon heirs. It consists of six rooms each of which is about 30 feet long 6 feet wide and 8 feet high The rooms slope upward and dwindle to a point much higher than the entrance

In the lower part of the cave where the rooms open into a sort of a hall way, is a spring of pure water which flows the entire year

The entrance is on a hillside and is about three feet high Lanterns or torches must be carried by those who enter The walls are damp and murky Initial letters can be carved in the stone Some dates show that the carving was done 60 to 80 years ago

This cave has been sought by rough characters who wished to play cards and engage in other unlawful practises Many persons suspected of crime have sought the cave as a hiding place but are usually run down

Bear Rock cave has been the habitation for Indians who disputed with the bears for possession of the shelter Settlers used to watch the cave to kill the bears that robbed them of their live stock The cave became a center for foxes and wildcats after the last bear had disappeared

Highwaymen and horse thieves have remained in the cave for short periods and legends tell of murders which have been committed

BASEBALL AT HIGH

Team Makes a Good Showing in Early Practise Work

After two practises coaches at the High School are able to get a line on the makeup of this year s baseball nine Stuart Griffin and A O Stone of the faculty have been coaching the candidates for positions and Principal F P Smith is the business manager

The only department that needs bolstering up to any great extent is the pitching staff Alfred Kell of last year s team appears to be the hurler upon whom the team will have to depend for the greater part of hoard work

Those who have been trying out for positions on the team are Percy Sheetz shortstop Clyde Jones and Harry Cox catchers Alfred Kell pitcher Charles McCormick Joseph Buttermore George Sherrick and Clyde Sparks, outfielders John Sirello Charles Moore Jay Caldwell and Clyde Martin infielders

A meeting of the Athletic Association will be held tonight at which a manager from among the students body will be elected

WANTS $5,000 DAMAGES

Somerset Squire Sues Man He Says Called Him a Drunkard

SOMERSET April 4.—Suit for $5 000 damages was brought today by Squire A J McKenzie of Garrett against Frank Romesburg of that township

Squire McKenzie claims that during license hearings Romesburg referred to him as a drunkard Denying the allegation the Squire wants damages

Marry in Cumberland

Lindsey Poderick of Smithfield and Sarah Rebecca Hall of Uniontown were married in Cumberland Saturday

LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

New greenstuffs are beginning to make their appearance in the produce market in larger quantities Hothouse produce is being replaced by southern and western importations not as expensive Cabbage onions rhubarb potatoes and strawberries are the spring s produce

Cheeses dropped to lower levels as did eggs but butter went up two and three cents Meat prices remained stationary

Vegetables	
Beets doz	
Cabbage lb	5
Carrots peck	20@
Cauliflower each	10
Celery bunch	5
Egg plant each	10@15
Onions peck	15
Lettuce lb	15@20
Parsley bunch	
Peppers doz	10@15
Potatoes bushel	60@75
Radishes bunch	
Turnips peck	5
Watercress bunch	5
Rhubarb bunch	5
Spinach peck	40
Tomatoes lb	10
Fruits	
Apples fancy peck	45
Apples choice peck	30
Cranberries quart	10@12
Bananas doz	10@15
Grape Fruit doz	35@60
Lemons	30@40
Oranges navel doz	15@40
Oranges Florida doz	15@50
Butter, Eggs and Cheese	
Butter prints lb	45
Butter tubs lb	4_
Roquefort lb	60
Brickstein lb	20
Swiss block lb	20
Long Horn	20
Limberger lb	25
Eggs fresh	22@24
Poultry and Meats	
Hens live lb	—
Cocks live lb	20
Hens dressed lb	
Cocks dressed lb	20
Spring pullets lb	
Beef Steak	
Round lb	20@24
Sirloin lb	24@26
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Veal	
Chops lb	25
Steak lb	28
Stewing lb	—
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Loin lb	22@24
Chops lb	22@24
Steaks	22
Sides	20

ENVELOPE BALLOT PROPOSED IN NEW ELECTION MEASURE

Modified "Vest Pocket" System Decided by the Senate.

WILL ACT AS CURB ON FRAUD

For First Time Since Australian Ballot was Adopted in Pennsylvania, Indications Point to Comprehensive Code Covering Important Points

HARRISBURG April 7.—For the next week or so the Senate will be the theatre of the movement which indicates that the regular Republican organization is the only political body in Pennsylvania which is at once progressive and sufficiently efficient to convert its aspirations into activities This comes about because the Senate Elections Committee has reported to that body some of the most important measures recommended by the Commission to Revise the Election Laws of Pennsylvania which Commission has been at work on the complicated problem since 1909 The Commission in its report to the Legislature now in session recommended the enactment of measures that guarantee sweeping reforms in a condition that practically from the day the Australian ballot was adopted in this State has been attended by scandal gives the State what amounts to a modern code of election laws a set of statutes covering all the important points bearing on every particular in their effect

Perhaps the most radical change that is contemplated in the bills reported to the Senate is a return to the old envelope system of voting If this particular bill is passed the voter when he enters a polling place and receives his official ballot may either repair to a booth and mark it as is now the practise or go home and fix it at his leisure When he returns from his home or comes out of the booth as the case may be he will be handed an official envelope in which he will place the ballot and then deposit it with the ballot box Vest pocket voting, a name sometimes given to this system has long been advocated by leading lawyers While William T Creasy the present head of the Pennsylvania State Grange was the floor leader of the Democratic party in the House he insisted on every occasion that a return to this system would wipe out most of all the evils that are traceable to the present ballot laws

Perhaps a more important than the proposed addition to the ballot is the general election law to prevent ... at the primaries ... which will ... of the ... [illegible]

Inasmuch as it is the purpose of the Senate leaders to ... the ... legislation in committee there seems to be no reasonable doubt that this legislation which four years would have been regarded as ... absolutely out of the question will be passed by that body

CHURCH ELECTS OFFICERS

Congregational Meeting Held at the Christian Church

At the annual congregational meeting at the Christian Church on Sunday morning deacons trustees and other were elected to serve during the ensuing year and reports of church officers were received The report submitted by Church Clerk H C Norton showed that the receipts during the year amounted to over $7 000 and that the church membership had been increased with the addition of 26 new members The Missionary fund was increased from $ 400 to $1400 ... year

Officers elected were as follows Treasurer George W Stouffer Church Clerk H C Norton Trustees Dr S S Stahl W S Schenck J T Norton Lyon Porter and Robert Norris Deacons Henry Kurtz A W Bowman J N McCormick P H Highley John Robinson W D Colburn and W H Showman Ushers H C Norton S J Hood Robert Norris C A Reagan and H L Fressler

ESCAPE FROM FLOOD

Mother of Connellsville Woman is Rescued at Sharon

Word has been received here from Mrs Mason mother of Mrs Frank Bufano who was marooned in the second story of her home at Sharon for several hours during the recent disastrous floods

Mrs Mason had been visiting at the home of her son and was alone in the house when the high waters surrounded the dwelling She was confined in the second story for several hours before a rescuing party heard her cries and took her into their boat from one of the second story windows

The water was so high that it ruined all of the furniture on both the first and second floors was completely destroyed

Howell Stewart Dead

Howell Stewart formerly of Ohiopyle and well known in Fayette county died March 21 in Washington D C Mr Stewart was a son of D Stewart of Ohiopyle and a nephew of Col Andrew Stewart of this county He was about 70 years old

Licensed to Wed

Robert Snyder of Connellsville and Ethel Pude of Scottdale were granted a marriage license in Uniontown Saturday

The Weekly Courier $1 00 a year.

STATE INSPECTOR RIDICULES SUSPICION CONCERNING FIRE

Declares That Certain Enemies Blamed for Blaze Had Nothing to With It.

After being here the greater part of a week investigating the origin of two mysterious fires, State Deputy Fire Marshal W F Wilson of Harrisburg left town after placing the evidence he collected in the hands of the District Attorney

Prosecution if it started he said will be pursued by the county authorities I placed the evidence I collected in their hands

With reference to the fire in the home of Councilman L L Hetzel where kerosene oil had been sprinkled on the floor he declared that he was unable to find a clew that would lead to the discovery of the identity of the incendiary The suspicion advanced that certain enemies of Hetzel had something to do with the fire he said had no truth in it whatever

They had no more to do with that fire than I did he declared

Talking about the fire in the Independent Noodle & Macaroni Company s factory on the West Side he said that evidence collected indicates that the blaze was of incendiary origin Whether prosecution against anyone is started however is up to the county authorities He did not think the evidence strong enough to secure a conviction if the case is taken to court

As a result of the investigation Mr Wilson learned that gas pipes in the center of the factory had been disjointed The pipes were removed from the structure and taken to the fire department where they are held as evidence Mr Wilson left Sunday for Chester county

MRS. ELLEN BUTTERMORE

Well Known Resident Dies Following Lingering Illness

Following a lingering illness Mrs Ellen B Buttermore ... years old wife of William J Buttermore died this morning at 2 o clock at the family residence ... Murphy avenue She had been in poor health for about a year and for the last week her condition was serious Funeral from the Buttermore home Sunday afternoon at 2 o clock Rev R C Wolf pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church officiated Interment in Hill Grove cemetery

Mrs Buttermore was a daughter of Henry and Nancy Whipkey King and was born at Normalville About 3_ years ago she was married to William J Buttermore and all her married life was spent in Connellsville with the exception of five years at Perryopolis She was one of a family of twelve children ten girls and two boys She was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church and was widely known Death was due to a complication of diseases

In addition to her husband she is survived by the following children Mrs Grace Murphy of Star Junction Mrs Mary McCormick of Connellsville Mrs Sadie Womer of Connellsville Lida Mae and Harry Buttermore at home The following brothers and sisters also survive Mrs Mary Leichliter and Mrs Katharine ... of Normalville Mrs Agnes Jannehill wife of J N B Jannehill of McKees Rocks Mrs Judson Jannehill of Scottdale Mrs Clara Buttermore Mrs Ann Lenhart Mrs Dorothea Leichliter and ... Samuel King all of Connellsville township Among the out of town persons present at the funeral were Rev and Mrs N B Jannehill of McKees Rocks Mr and Mrs Harry Murphy Mr and Mrs ... of Star Junction and A J Jannehill of Scottdale

MRS. HOLT DIES

Ohiopyle Woman Had Been in Poor Health for Some Months

Mrs Minnie Holt 3_ year old wife of William Holt died Sunday afternoon at the family residence at Ohiopyle While she had been in poor health for the past several months her condition was not considered serious She was ... Funeral from the Holt residence Tuesday afternoon at 2 o clock and from the church at Ohiopyle at 2 30 o clock

Mrs Holt had spent nearly all her life in Ohiopyle Before her marriage she was Miss Minnie McFarland Her father died a number of years ago and her mother Mrs David McDonald died at her home in the West Side over two years ago In addition to her husband she is survived by four children two sisters Miss Lutha McFarland of the West Side and a teacher in the Dunbar township schools Miss Ella McFarland and a brother William J McFarland of Pittsburg and two half brothers Frank and George McDonald of the West Side

RECEIVER IS NAMED

Connellsville Wholesale Grocery Company s Affairs Tangled

UNIONTOWN April 7.—The court today appointed J Kirk Renner receiver for the Connellsville Wholesale Grocery Company The affairs of the company are said to be in a tangle and an equity suit has resulted

In the equity suit Sulzberger & Sons Company of America and 13 other concerns joined in asking that a judgment confessed by Christian Leitz President of the grocery company in favor of his brother Fred Leitz of Uniontown be set aside The plaintiffs contend that the judgment which was for $1 700 was fraudulent An execution had been issued and levy made

The plaintiffs ask that an order be issued staying further proceedings under the execution

Plans Moving Picture Shows

Secretary E T Baer of the Y M C A is planning to secure a moving picture machine to be operated in the Association auditorium He will be able to secure films free of charge once or twice a month and he expects to give entertainments for the members of the association as soon as the machine is secured

Have You Coal Land for Sale?

If you have advertise it in The Weekly Courier.

CRUSADE MINISTER HAS HOUSE RAIDED; GET 11 IN THE NET

Rev. Pringle Gives Demonstration of Reform in Action.

ADDRESSES THREE AUDIENCES

Upon Arrival in Town He Spots Alleged Disorderly Resort Makes "Date" and Keeps It With Cops as Friends Pleads for Better Living

Rev Henry Pringle reformer who crusades against Sabbath-breaking impurity intemperance and other social evils came to town Saturday afternoon for the purpose of making three addresses Sunday Within a few hours after his arrival he had located a disorderly house on Baldwin avenue accompanied the policeman when 11 were arrested and told about it at a meeting before 75 men at the Y M C A Sunday afternoon The prisoners arrested through his activity posted forfeits for an appearance before Burgess Evans but are not expected to ask a hearing

Some time ago arrangements were made for his appearance here Upon his arrival he immediately began active reforming He learned that Mrs Bird Pressler was alleged to be conducting a disorderly house on Baldwin avenue

Going there late that afternoon Mr. Pringle made arrangements for himself and a party of friends to visit it that evening That night he held a conference with Burgess Evans and it was arranged that Chief of Police Hetzel and the patrolmen should be the friends

Entrance was gained on the premises without difficulty, and the occupants of the first floor, after their first scurry for cover, submitted peaceably to arrest On the second floor the situation was different. Two men barricaded themselves in one of the rooms and refused to open the door Chief Hetzel broke it open and then they surrendered One man leaped through a second story window, slid down one of the posts supporting the front porch and escaped, shoes in hand Besides the alleged proprietress, two girls and eight men were captured Patrolmen Humphries Stump and Laley participated in the raid

Mr Pringle outlined the work that the Reform Bureau is accomplishing and as a side issue presented a plea in behalf of woman suffrage at the meeting in the Y M C A.

In Connellsville he said conditions are much the same as in other towns while the borough authorities are willing to do their duty yet they have been unsuccessful in securing evidence upon which to work Speaking of the divorce courts he said that lax laws public opinion and the moving picture theatres are largely responsible for the number of marriage separations in this country Cigarette smoking, drinking of intoxicants and the drug habit he also denounced

Another reform the bureau is endeavoring to effect he said is to reduce the number of needless deaths in the United States Thousands of people die each year whose lives might be spared if proper precautionary measures are taken

The meeting was dismissed upon the adoption of the following resolution which will be forwarded today by Secretary E T Baer of the Y M C A to State Senator Crow of this district

The undersigned earnestly petition for the speedy passage of a red light injunction law like that of Iowa, to suppress prostitution

In the morning Rev Pringle addressed the First Presbyterian church congregation and spoke at the First Methodist Episcopal church in the evening

SOMERSET WEDDINGS

Cupid Has Busy Week Among Frosty Sons and Daughters

SOMERSET April 8.—Miss Agnes F Blubaugh daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Blubaugh of Pine Hill and Daniel Lyle son of Mr and Mrs John C Lyle of Somerset, were married at the parsonage of the Somerset Lutheran Church April 6, by Rev I Hess Wagner

Miss Nora J Landis daughter of Mr and Mrs William Landis of Somerset and Harry Oelschlager, son of Mr and Mrs Herman Oleschlager of Hooversville were married at the parsonage of Trinity Lutheran Church Somerset April 7, by Rev I Hess Wagner

Miss Edith M Baker daughter of Mr and Mrs Chauncey A Baker, and Homer L Saylor son of Mr and Mrs Andrew J Saylor both of Somerset township were married at the parsonage of the Somerset Methodist Episcopal Church April 7, by Rev Homer F Lewis

Miss Minnie A Pritts daughter of Mr and Mrs Ephraim Pritts of Somerset and Benjamin F Baldwin, son of Mr and Mrs David L Baldwin of Friedens were married at Pleasant Hill April _ by Rev J H Wise pastor of the Husband United Evangelical Church

Miss Elizabeth Casebeer, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander Casebeer of Lincoln township and Thomas M Marteeny son of Mr and Mrs David A Marteeny of Milford township were married at Husband April 5, by Rev J H Wise pastor of the Husband United Evangelical Church

Miss Rosa Band daughter of Mr and Mrs William M Band of Portage Cambria county and H W Thomas son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Thomas of Quemahoning township, were married at Stoyestown April 6, by Justice of the Peace John H Coster

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COUNCIL FIXES TAX LEVY; CHOOSES TWO ON BOARD OF HEALTH

No Increase is Made in Millage for the Coming Year.

LIVELY SESSION; MUCH DEBATE

Town is Divided Into Districts for Health Purposes But Members Fail to Heed Lines in the Election of Dr E B Edie and W O Schoonover

After a lapse of four weeks, Town Council held an exciting session Thursday at which a large quantity of accumulated business was transacted between verbal clashes The suggestion of Councilman H C Hays that W O Schoonover and Dr E B Edie be selected as members of the Board of Health, succeeding Rockwell Marietta whose term expires soon and who did not seek reappointment and Dr M B Shupe, deceased started the discussion

Under the head of reports from committees, Chairman H C Hays of the Finance Committee reported that members of his committee recommended the selection of Dr Edie and Mr Schoonover as candidates for the vacant positions on the Board of Health Councilman Berg objected to the proposed appointments contending that members of the Board should be chosen from the five Board of Health districts in accordance with a resolution fixing the boundaries passed by Council several years ago He nominated Mr Marietta to succeed himself

Borough Solicitor F D Munson was asked for his opinion regarding the matter The attorney said that according to law boroughs are given the privilege of creating health districts He did not know whether Connellsville had taken advantage of this act and Clerk A O Bixler was instructed to examine the minutes to determine whether the town had been divided into these districts Turning to the minutes of a meeting held on March 16 1909 the clerk found that these districts had been laid out the first being located west of the Yough river the second east of the Yough river to Pittsburg street and south of Apple street the third east of Pittsburg street and north of Apple street the fourth east of Pittsburg street between Apple street and Fairview avenue and the fifth east of Pittsburg street and south of Fairview avenue

President Friel said that the resolution was plain that no provision was made for appointment of members of the Board from any of these districts He contended that Council could appoint all of them from one district B L Berg disagreed with him

Hostilities which threatened to break forth calmed momentarily when Councilman P M Buttermore moved that the selection be postponed until the next meeting of Council He proposed that Council receive the suggestions of the Board of Health before taking final action on the appointments

This proposition was not in accordance with Friel's plans He asserted that Council makes the selections that it is not necessary to follow any suggestion of the health authorities and finally that the resolution read by Clerk Bixler did not call for the appointments to be made by districts

During the arguments Councilman Hays said he would withdraw his motion and that he was willing to leave the appointments go over until the next meeting The member from the Third Ward also withdrew his motion appointing Mr Marietta Then again came the announcement from the chair that it was not necessary to withdraw the nominations "We can elect them tonight" asserted Mr Friel

At this Councilman Hays once more placed his selections on record but Mr Berg refused to propose the name of his candidate "You can elect your two" he said

The motion by Councilman Fred Harmening that Messrs Schoonover and Edie be appointed by acclamation met with a shout of ayes from one side of the chamber and a cry of noes from the other President Friel declared the motion carried

Mr Marietta did not seek reappointment to the board owing to his large and increasing business engagements After hearing that a successor had been named he expressed satisfaction over being relieved of public responsibilities

The tax levy for general purposes for the coming fiscal year will be the same as last year 13 mills Chairman Hays representing the Finance Committee moved that the following levy be made—Connellsville East Side For general purposes 8½ mills Library Fund ½ mill Sewer Fund 1½ mill, Sinking Fund 1½ mill 1908 Refunding Fund 1 mill Greenwood addition General Fund 8½ mills Library Fund ½ mill West Side General Fund 8½ mills Sinking Fund 2 mills

The First Ward member also moved that the certificate for $5,000 held by the West Penn Company be renewed and that an order be drawn for the payment of $50 interest, which is now due The motion carried

With the presentation of the report of Chairman Clark of the Street Committee, a long drawn debate on the conditions of the streets began In brief Mr Clark's report follows

The committee is preparing to establish a grade on Grape alley and Arch street from the end of the paving on the latter thoroughfare a washed-out gutter on Peach street has been repaired Cottage avenue has been placed in good condition work is in progress for the repairing of the approach to the county bridge the corner of Arch and Green street where a washout occurred during the recent rains needs immediate attention Snyder street, which needed repairs badly, has been placed in a passable condition.

In commenting on the condition at the corner of Arch and Green streets, the Councilman declared that water at that point has been doing damage to the Cohen property The condition will be remedied as soon as possible. With reference to Snyder street he reported that Contractor Bernard O'Connor refuses to continue with the work of repairing the thoroughfare until the mains of the water company are lowered Officials of the company notified Mr Clark that this work will be done soon

Councilman John Kooser brought up the question of mail delivery for residents of the South Side He declared that property owners in that section have complied with the requirements of the postoffice department and that they should have the conveniences of the service

It was explained that Postmaster A F Kurtz has taken up the matter with the department at Washington and that an effort is being made to secure this convenience for these property holders A motion by Kooser that the Postmaster be notified to take some action in the matter passed unanimously

In connection with the delivery of mail Chairman Clark stated that he did not want any action taken at present that would compel the residents of Madison avenue to lay walks He said that a grade has not been established on that street but that he is preparing a petition providing for the furnishing by the property holders to the borough of an indemnifying bond relieving the borough of all responsibility for damage done property in establishing a grade Nothing was done about the matter

Councilman Brennan brought up the matter of a sidewalk in front of the Wallace property on Main street He said that it required attention immediately Mr Buttermore announced that he understood that the contract for doing the work has been awarded and that it will be started as soon as the weather improves

Attention was called to the necessity for sidewalks in front of the Western Maryland properties on Seventh and Ninth streets Councilman McCormick announced that the company would never lay sidewalks in front of these properties because the borough has changed the grade without securing the consent of the company Mr Buttermore contended that something should be done immediately to compel the company to comply with the borough sidewalk ordinance

The discussion on the situation on these two streets occupied fully half an hour Opinions were requested frequently from the Borough Solicitor and Borough Engineer and it the end it was ascertained that Attorney Munson had taken the matter up with the engineer of the railroad and that definite action was expected soon Despite this however a motion prevailed that the affair be brought to the attention of the General Manager of the railroad

A petition signed by several property owners of Pittsburg street asking that a sewer be laid from Woodlawn avenue to Arch street which was presented by Councilman Fred Harmening was referred to the Street Committee as was also a motion by Buttermore that Morrell avenue be paved from Sampson to Duke street

A communication from R. S Matthews asking that arrangements be made to remove the waste water from Newmeyer avenue between Pace and Pittsburg streets was referred to the Street Committee

A request from Mr Louver who claimed that he lost a horse alleged to have been injured in the mud on the Snydertown road for compensation for the loss of the animal was referred to the Borough Solicitor and the Street Committee

J P Wortman was present and asked Council that a light be placed near his store on Morton avenue He explained that the thoroughfare was very dark at that point This was referred to the Light Committee

Frank Zacharias wanted to know what Council had done about opening up streets in Snydertown Attorney Munson explained that he was preparing a list of the property owners residing in that section and that as soon as he has completed the work he will take the matter up with the court and petition for the appointment of viewers to determine the amount of damage and that amounts of benefits that will accrue to the various properties through the opening of these streets

The report of Burgess J L Evans for the past month was received and placed on file and bills totalling $1,800 16 were ordered paid

NEW BALLOT BILL

Bull Moosers Have a Plan to Raid Old Parties

HARRISBURG April 4—Bull Moosers in the Legislature in conjunction with E Lowry Humes leader of the Democrats in the House are said to be working on a new ballot bill which will make party raiding possible in the primaries As it is proposed to enact an amendment to the Uniform Primary Law which would prevent a candidate's name from appearing on more than one party ballot the latest scheme is to provide a non partisan ballot at primary elections The result of this would be to enable the Washington party to raid both the Republican and Democratic parties by endorsing certain candidates for the bill would provide that the vote received by a candidate on the non-partisan ballot would be added to his party vote Further it would enable lukewarm Bull Moosers to vote non partisan ballots without being ruled out of either of the old parties

Representative Shuck of Westmoreland wants the Legislature to adjourn on May 15 and will introduce a resolution to this effect on Monday At the present rate of progress the body will be in session until the middle of July

WHAT IS A TREAT?

Somerset Hotel Men at Odds Over Court Ruling

SOMERSET April 5—Judge Ruppel may be called upon to define what constitutes a treat When the retail licenses were granted the court directed that treating be abolished

It is said that there is no uniformity in regard to obeying this mandate Some hotel men have abolished all treating regardless of how extensive, while others hold that a treat such as intended by the court means setting up the drinks to the whole population of the barroom

CHURCH VOTES TO LEASE ITS MAIN STREET PROPERTY

Woolworths Will Erect a Building on Presbyterian Site.

GET OPTION TO BUY AT $60,000

Firm Will be Given Five Years to Decide on Acquiring the Property Trustees Elders and Deacons are Elected and Report of Year Made

It was announced last week at the annual congregation meeting of the First Presbyterian Church that papers had been signed by the Board of trustees to lease the church property on West Main street to F W Woolworth & Company of New York The trustees met yesterday morning with C E Clift a representative of the company with headquarters in Wilkes Barre The lease will expire in 20 years

Representative Clift was not authorized to sign the agreement This will have to be done by officials of the company The company has also an option to buy the building within five years for the sum of $60 000 The company made the proposition to the trustees to either buy or lease the building and have the power to turn down either proposition As soon as the papers are approved work will begin on tearing down the old building The company agrees to have the new building erected no later than September 1 and probably as early as August

A foundation will be erected to hold a three story building 1 8 feet deep It is likely that a two story building, extending 75 feet will be erected with a single story extending the entire length for a store room The cellar will be cement and fireproof and will extend the entire length of the building The company agrees to put up a building costing $25 000 or more No action will be taken by the congregation on the erection of their new church until further word is received from New York At present they have no place in view for holding of services until their new church is completed The old Trinity Lutheran Church on East Apple street is the only available church The furnishings of that church were disposed of and it is now rented by the First Presbyterian congregation its present furniture would be used

It was the first annual meeting under the new church charter and was well attended Rev J L Proudfit was moderator during the election of trustees and elders which resulted as follows Elders L W Wolf F T Smutz and W R Kenney the latter being elected to fill the unexpired term of H M Kerr deacons John Hoop J M Hopkins and J A Lewns It was decided to increase the membership of the board of deacons from three to five The terms of W L Robbins and A L Wagoner have not expired The trustees reelected were T J Hooper C W Downs for two years W W Smith and H G May for three years and F K Ind and F J Smutz for one year The organization will take place in the near future Reports from the various organizations were submitted and were very favorable During the year $4,000 was paid out and the amount turned in over $7,000

During the year 50 new members were received The total membership is about 150 The church is now in a more flourishing condition and which is due to the earnest work of the pastor Rev J L Proudfit and his congregation T J Hooper President of the Board of Trustees presided over the business meeting

NO WEDDING BELLS FOR HIM

Ball Brought Bride Here But She Pines for Florida

William Ball the 63 year old suitor of Morgantown who brought Mrs Nannie Mozo his prospective bride from Florida to this place object matrimony will not be a bridegroom Ball told his friend Squire Donegan that there will be no ceremony

Mrs Mozo 23 years old arrived in town last Monday Ball was for getting married at once but the bride elect decided upon a real courtship to supplement that carried on by mail Then she became homesick were home for transportation and announced that it was all off Ball's matrimonial experiment which failed to succeed cost him $32 he having paid Mrs Mozo's expenses thus far the agreement being that she should furnish her own fare back if the wedding fell through

ACTION IS DELAYED

South Connellsville Council Again Defers West Penn Franchise Vote

At a regular meeting of the South Connellsville Town Council Thursday the passage of the ordinance granting a franchise to the West Penn Electric Light & Power Company was again postponed P J Flynn a member of the committee appointed to interview officials of the company in an effort to secure additional concessions for the borough reported that a personal interview with them will be arranged at an early date

Aside from the consideration of the ordinance little other business was transacted Several bills were ordered paid and a few minor matters came up for attention

All of the Councilmen were in attendance with the exception of Joseph Mason

Farmers Will Meet

The regular meeting of the Union Farmers Club of Fayette County will be held Saturday April 19 at the home of David Junk near Vanderbilt The subject for discussion is "Plowing"

Uniontown Man Dies

John Sanner aged 64 years died on Friday at his home in Uniontown following a stroke of paralysis

SOMERSET COUNTY IS "DRY" FOR ALL THE RAILROAD MEN

Order of Court Forbids Selling to Them, Whether on or Off Duty, Some Complain

Railroad men of the Connellsville division who run over the mountains to Cumberland or those who are located along the Somerset & Cambria branch have discovered that Somerset county is dry as the desert of Sahara as far as intoxicants are concerned

One of the rulings laid down by Judge Ruppel when the retail licenses were granted that no hotel man should sell to railroaders whether on or off duty

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad has conducted an effective temperance crusade among its employes for the past few years Railroaders who imbibe and are caught at it are frequently discharged without further notice The policy of the railroad is to enforce absolute sobriety among its employes and the rule is not limited to those in the train service

Judge Ruppel's ruling, it is said is one of the most effective aids the railroad has been given in protecting the traveling public from mistakes that might be caused by an employe who drinks

The rulings of both the railroad and the Somerset court have worked something of a hardship among the employes who are not total abstainers yet do not drink to excess but the Baltimore & Ohio has gone on record as being unalterably opposed to drinking on the part of employes and Judge Ruppel has directed that hotel men refuse liquor to those known to be in the employ of the company

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

County President Forsythe Fixes Dates and Assigns Speakers

The dates of the 1913 township Sabbath School conventions and the assignment of county officers who will attend has been announced as follows by B S Forsythe President of the Fayette County association

April 17 Uniontown Miss Amy Porter Rev F D Bevan and Leighton Stern April 18 Springhill J W Dawson April 19 Smithfield Rev J P Allison and W M Thompson April 26 Ohiopyle Leighton Stern H B Deyo April 27 Mill Run W M Thompson and J A Strickler May 1 Connellsville Rev H M Hall J W Dawson and W S Colborn May 3 Masontown Rev J F Bair and S B Henry May 1 Dunbar Siles S B Henry and A F Jones May 1 Perryopolis F B Martin and J W Dawson May 10 Layton S B Henry and Rev H M Hall May 10 Everson Rev J P Allison J W Dawson and W S Colborn May 17 Brownsville H L Pierce and J T King May 18 Markleysburg J W Dawson and A F Jones May 22 New Salem Rev H M Hall and Leighton Stern May — Indian Head Leighton Stern F B Martin and W S Colborn June 1 Dunbar Mrs J H Collins and Leighton Stern June 1 Dawson W M Thompson and H L Pierce

ONE STATE NEEDED

Thirty-five Have Ratified Senatorial Election Amendment

WASHINGTON April 3—The ratification by Pennsylvania of the proposed Constitutional Amendment providing for direct election of the United States Senators leaves but one more State ratification necessary to make it effective according to a list compiled by Senator Bristow of Kansas The ratification list of States approving direct election to date is as follows

Arizona Arkansas California Colorado Indiana Illinois Iowa Kansas Maine Massachusetts Michigan Missouri Minnesota Montana Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico New York North Carolina North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma Oregon Pennsylvania South Dakota Tennessee Texas Vermont Washington Virginia Wisconsin and Wyoming.

ENFIELD IS DEAD

Somerset Native Will be Buried at Mill Run

Daniel Enfield aged 75 years died Wednesday April 3 in a Pittsburg hospital The body arrived in Connellsville on Thursday and was removed to Funeral Director J L Stauer's parlors on West Main street The interment was made at Mill Run

Mr Enfield was born in Somerset county and spent a number of years at Mill Run He was a carpenter by trade In addition to his widow in Scottdale he is survived by the following children A L Enfield of Cumberland Mrs Lewis Long of Cadiz O Mrs Alex Abel of Steubenville O Mrs N J Hal of Normalville and Mrs G S Miller of near Everson Several brothers and sisters located in the west also survive

CASE GOES TO JURY

Christian Felty is Directed to Pay $331 50 on Note

UNIONTOWN April 5—A case in civil court finally reached the jury today and resulted in a verdict of $331 50 the full claim and interest in favor of the Tri State Garage Company of Uniontown Christian Felty was the defendant suit having been brought to recover on a note

The suit of George Drengiez against C Bearzi growing out of the sale of a store is still on trial before Judge Van Swearingen

Ping Lee a Uniontown Chinaman has been sued for $1,112 25 damages for malicious trespass growing out of the alleged destruction of articles valued at $112 25

WANT NEW RATES

Somerset Subscribers Would Profit by Proposed Schedule

SOMERSET April 5—Somerset telephone subscribers will welcome the proposed schedule of rates suggested by the State Railroad Commission For Somerset the rate would be $22 a year for a business subscriber and $17 for a residence

Under the prevailing schedules the Somerset Telephone Company charges $24 for business and $18 for residence phones The Bell charge is $36 for business and $30 for residence The Bell company has a sliding scale of rates for party lines which is designed to compete in a measure with the independent company.

PHONE RATES MAY BE READJUSTED BY STATE COMMISSION

Tri-State Would be Forced to Slash Its Charges.

BELL IS NOW UNDER THE LIMIT

Business Concerns Would Benefit by Such an Order But Residence Subscribers Will Face Necessity of Paying More, Uniformity Lacking

The State Railroad Commission has made public a tentative schedule of telephone rates to insure uniformity throughout the State and while no formal action has been taken it is not unlikely that the various companies will be directed to readjust their contracts

Investigation discloses that Connellsville would benefit in some respects and suffer in others There is lack of uniformity in rates here particularly among subscribers to the Tri State service The Tri State's present schedule of phone rentals is at rates much higher than the Bell a rather unusual situation but many subscribers are enjoying cheaper rentals with the independent company because of holding old contracts

For a community the size of Connellsville and Uniontown the State Railroad Commission would fix the following annual charges for unlimited service Direct line—business $27 residence $2_ Two party line—business $_ residence $19 four party and multiple lines—business $__ residence $17

Comparing this schedule with the rates in effect here it is shown that an average is about reached imposing both increases and decreases The rate for a business telephone on a direct line which the State Railroad Commission would fix at $27 a year now costs $30 for the Tri State and $27 by the Bell The Bell charges $24 a year if a wall set is used instead of the desk phone For residences on a direct line the new rate would be $__ a year against $30 for the Tri State and $18 for the Bell The party line phone which would vary from $2_ $19 business and residence to $22 $17 according to the number of phones on the line now brings $24 to the Tri State for a business house and $_ for a residence the Bell charging $15 for a residence and not quoting a business rate The State would charge $_ a year for an auxiliary telephone equipped with a bell and $3 for one not so equipped Both local companies make a charge of $_ a year for an auxiliary phone

It will be seen that the Tri State will be required to reduce its rates materially if the State Railroad Commission enforces its proposed order while the Bell company will find it necessary to raise some There are however several subscribers of the Tri State who would face the necessity of paying higher rentals Contracts in effect before the Tri State advanced its rates a year or so ago are still enjoying the lower charges These are $24 a year for business phones and $18 for residences on direct lines It was stated that the Tri State now has no subscribers enjoying the rate of $_4 a year for a party phone The only rate which falls below the present Bell schedule is one of $12 a year for a party telephone and there are few of these contracts in force it was stated

EXCEPTIONS ARE ARGUED

Judge Umbel Hears Pleas in Dispute Over Distribution

UNIONTOWN April 5—Arguments were made before Judge Umbel today on the exception taken by J M Reid of Connellsville to the ruling made in the distribution of $1 0,000 involved in a coal transaction in the Tygart field The defendant in the suit were the estate of Edward Scull and B F Boyts J M Reid of Scottdale and the Somerset Trust Company as trustee Attorneys for Colonel Reid filed exceptions to the distribution directed in the suit and arguments over the exceptions were made

A verdict of $574 79 was returned for the plaintiff yesterday in the suit of George Drengiez against C Bearzi a dispute over a store sale

In the suit of A K Knotts against John G Ward involving the premium of an insurance policy the jury found for the defendant Three dollars and nine cents was asked

BRYAN TO HARRISBURG

Secretary of State Will Address Legislators at a Dinner

WASHINGTON April 5—William J Bryan will go to Harrisburg and address the Democratic members of the Legislature He so informed George W Guthrie State Chairman Vance C McCormick of Harrisburg and A Mitchell Palmer last evening

Mr Bryan will attend a dinner given under the direction of the Central Democrat Club The dinner will be attended by the Pennsylvania Democratic legislators Congressmen and State committee Mr Bryan is expected to urge Democratic members of the Legislature to work in harmony for progressive legislation It is understood that he accepted the invitation with the approval of President Wilson The date for the dinner has not been decided upon but it will be within two weeks

THE WOODWARD TO GO

Old Monongahela Packet Doomed to be Dismantled

The old Monongahela packet I C Woodward is to be disposed of at a public sale The Woodward is now at Fairmont in the hands of the United States Marshal It is thought that the boat will be dismantled and the machinery placed in a new boat

The Ohio & Monongahela River Packet Company may put a boat on the upper Monongahela this summer and rivermen say that it will pay

CONNELLSVILLE MAN KILLED BY A TRAIN AT BROWNSVILLE

Harvey F Mason is Found Unconscious Body is Brought Here for Burial

Harvey F Mason aged 44 years was struck by a Pennsylvania train in Brownsville last Wednesday morning about 9 30 o'clock and died about 1 o'clock in the afternoon He was found unconscious

Mason was a son of Joseph A and Sidney Mason of South Arch street He was born at Frederick Md and twenty years ago he came to Connellsville with his parents who moved from Cumberland He learned the carpenter trade at an early age and always followed that occupation For some time past he was employed at Fredericktown about eight miles from Brownsville and the supposition is that he was returning from a labor parade held Tuesday night at Brownsville when he met his death He was single and in addition to his parents is survived by the following brothers and sisters William B Mason of Pittsburg Joseph Allen Mason of South Connellsville Mrs Samuel Fileard of Uniontown George Mason of Pittsburg Harry and Minnie at home and James Mason in Uniontown

WAGE COMMISSION FAVORED

No Opposition to Measure Develops in the House Today

HARRISBURG April 3—The bill creating a minimum wage commission passed the House today after several minor amendments had been tacked to it No opposition developed to the bill

The bill provides for the initiative and referendum for second class cities passed second reading

By a vote of 112 to 38 the House yesterday voted that the money appropriated for State highway improvements be expended in each county in proportion to the total mileage of unimproved highways therein

Governor Tener vetoed the bill originating in the Senate providing that when the judges of any district are ill or incapacitated application may be made to a law judge in an adjoining county and the proper order made or decree issued

Senator J F McNichol has announced his opposition to the public utilities bill because of the eminent domain feature which has been included Further opposition is expected because municipalities it is charged are stripped of all power in dealing with public service corporations

The bill creating a State Department of Labor and Industry was amended so that a committee to settle certain disputes be appointed by the Governor the committee to consist of one employer one employe and a woman

Opposition to the resolution to amend the Constitution to permit the State to borrow $50,000,000 for highway improvements succeeded this morning in having the resolution referred back to committee

NON-SUIT GRANTED

Railroad Wins in Case Brought by an Injured Passenger

UNIONTOWN April 3—In the case of Walter G McCrory who sued the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for $1,000 alleging that he was seriously injured when the glass in a passenger coach door broke Judge Van Swearingen granted a compulsory non suit on motion of counsel for the defendant company

The suit of J Wiley McKean and Charles H McKean against Mrs Lee Nash and Mrs Rachel Sterm was continued pending a settlement

Attorneys George B Jeffries and C D Clarke were named counsel for Tony Fratti accused of killing Ben Dandero at Dickerson Run last Sunday

In the will of Jefferson Waggle of Nicholson township which was probated yesterday the entire estate is bequeathed to his widow Elizabeth In the codicil to the will which is dated April 18 1907 it is provided that a son of William, owing to the care he took of his parents will get all live stock farm implements harness and wagons belonging to his father

C J Loomis yesterday filed a damage suit of $1,500 against the Fayette County Gas Company for injuries received in the McCroley explosion in Connellsville January 12 1913

Remonstrances against the granting of a retail liquor license in Point Marion were filed yesterday Remonstrances were also filed against Bimbrey & Byrne at Perryopolis D J Carson at Fannings and Gaetano & Corrido in Perry township Yesterday was the last day for filing remonstrances

BIG CONVENTION

Sunday School Workers Will Meet in Uniontown in June

Plans are about completed by B S Forsythe President of the Fayette County Sabbath School Association for the annual Sunday school convention to be held in Uniontown June 10 and 11 with the main convention in the Central Christian Church Some phases of the Sunday school work will be emphasized in particular at this convention will be the graded school and graded construction missions and temperance Among the speakers secured are Mrs Maude Junkin Baldwin of Philadelphia elementary grade superintendent and at the present time acting general secretary for W G Landes who is touring the Orient Miss Ida Hilton of Chicago Dr Lula T Head and of New York Miss Marie Brehm of Pittsburg and J Denny O'Neil of McKeesport

The singing will be under the direction of Mr Maxwell of Winona Lake Ind The banner will be awarded to one of the 18 districts that scores the highest number of points for the year on the basis of different percentages The men's parade will take place on the evening of June when it is expected that 000 men will be in line Fayette county was the first county in the state to reach the front line position a little more than six years ago and it has maintained that position ever since

Have You Coal Land for Sale?

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SEES DANGER FOR STEAM LAUNDRIES IN MINIMUM WAGE

Goodwin, of Local Concern, Declares Prices Will Go Up.

FAMILY WASHINGS WILL SUFFER

Beginners are Started on This Class of Work at $5 a Week Change in Hours Will Also Mean a Cut in Wages of Workers or Price Boost.

I fully expect to see the minimum wage, female employment and child labor bills now pending in the State Legislature enacted into law and when they are put in force they will prove a heavy handicap to the laundry interests

Such was the statement made today by Manager F O Goodwin of the Connellsville Steam Laundry Company

Mr Goodwin declared that many girls now employed by laundries throughout the State will be thrown out of employment and that the public will feel the effects of the enforcement of the law through an increase in price

When girls are taken into our employ he said they are usually placed in the mangling and family washing departments and are paid $5 a week while learning No skilled labor is employed in these departments and the wages we pay a beginner enable us to make a low price for family washing The minimum wage bill would require that this rate be increased fully 50 per cent which would mean that there would be a great decrease in the amount of family washing done in laundries and the girls who are now hired would have to look elsewhere for employment

After the girls are in the family washing and mangling departments for a time we gradually raise their wages and when they are ready to graduate into the higher class of work they receive much better pay Here again though the reduction in hours of employment would necessitate a tremendous increase in expenses Our girls here work nine and 10 hours a day or until the work is out but to make up for these hours we give them Saturday afternoon off with pay If a minimum wage of $8 a week is established and eight hours are termed a working day it will be absolutely necessary for us to cut the wages of our higher priced operatives or greatly increase prices and when we do this there will be trouble For myself I do not think it right that the wages of these employes who are of more than ordinary skill should be no lower than they are now

Mr Goodwin called attention to the fact that in Pittsburg the laundrymen have raised the price of laundering collars from two and one half to three cents owing to the increased cost of supplies

JOE SOME SPRINTER

Colored Youth Does Marathon but the Cops Get Him.

When Constable Joseph O'Bryon notified Joe Peters a colored youth that he was under arrest Joe ran He ran so fast and so far that he lost his hat and as he was encumbered by his coat he started to remove that when Patrolman Finley spotted him The policeman thought that Joe's actions were suspicious so he took up the chase and after a couple of blocks nabbed the runner

At police court on Saturday Joe did not know what he was arrested for and when Burgess Evans was committing him for 48 hours on charges of drunkenness Constable O'Bryon entered the room The constable stated that Peters was arrested on information made by a colored woman who will bring charges of assault and battery against him

FRUIT STORE ON FIRE

Blaze is Extinguished Before Much Damage is Done

A lighted gas jet in the basement of Tony Giuliletti's fruit store on South Pittsburg street at an early hour Saturday set fire to the boards was and communicated to the rafters before being extinguished

The blaze was discovered by William P shop who saw smoke issuing from the building He awakened the proprietor and when they entered the place it was found that the lower rooms were filled with smoke and escaping gas In the basement the fire was beginning to make its way to the upper floors It was easily extinguished with the aid of a couple of buckets of water

RECORDS ARE BROKEN

Arrests in Borough During Past Year Total 1,040

During the year ending February 28 1913 there were more arrests in the borough than in years heretofore according to a report compiled by Clerk of Council A O Bixler

The report shows that during the 12 months 1,040 were made an average of over four arrests a day Of this number 1 were arrested on charges of drunkenness and the remaining 13 were held for other causes

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FOUR KILLED BY DUST EXPLOSION IN COAL CRUSHER

Unusual Accident Snuffs Out Lives at Homestead Plant.

MEN AT WORK IN PITS AT TIME

Just What Caused Dust to Ignite Not Known; Worst Accident at Plant in 20 Years; Building Is Shaken But No Other Damage Is Done to Plant.

Four men are dead and another is dying following what is believed to have been an explosion of coal dust in the coal breaker department of the Hays yards of the United States Steel Corporation's Homestead works early Saturday morning. The victims were working in the pit shoveling coal and had no chance to escape.

The accident occured in a frame building where 40 cars of coal are ground each day for use in the rotary stokers in the steel plant. The grinding causes much dust and every effort is made to prevent any accidents.

All the men were working at the foot of a 15-foot pit, shoveling the coal into the stoker cars. It is not known what caused the coal dust to ignite, but at 4 o'clock other workmen heard the explosion which shook the building, but did no damage. The workmen rushed to the pit, and through the smoke rising from it the five workmen were seen inert on the floor. Endangering their own lives, the workmen succeeded in getting the five victims from the pit.

It is supposed that when the coal dust ignited the flareup enveloped the men before they knew what had happened, as all had shovels clutched in their hands.

A. R. Hunt, superintendent of the Homestead works, would give nothing out for publication regarding the explosion. Deputy Coroner J. J. Cavanaugh went to Homestead and it was due mostly to his efforts that the men were identified. The explosion is the worst the Homestead works has experienced in 20 years.

EARLY USE OF COAL

First Mention of Fuel in This Country Was About 1679.

Probably the earliest mention of the use of coal in the United States is contained in the journal of Father Hennepin, a French missionary who, as early as 1679, reported a "cole" mine on the Illinois river, above Fort Crevecoeur, near the site of the present city of Ottumwa says Coal Age. Coal was not mined in the State of Illinois, however, until 1810, when it was produced in Jackson county, at a point on the Big Muddy River.

Later, coal was found at Fort Duquesne, now Pittsburg, in 1758, when that frontier post fell into the hands of the English under General Forbes. On October 4, 1770, General Washington, while in Fayette county, Pa., made the following entry in his journal:

"At Captain Crawford's all day. We went to see a coal mine not far from the house, on the banks of the river. The coal seemed to be of the best kind and burned freely."

The coal mine referred to was at the site of the present town of New Haven, opposite Connellsville, then known as Stewart's Crossing.

Coal was known to be present in Virginia as early as 1700, though mining did not begin until the latter part of that century. In 1739, shipments were made to some of the Northern States.

It is not known when the anthracite deposits were discovered in Pennsylvania, but in 1776 coal was shipped down the Susquehanna river, from the Wyoming valley to Harrisburg, and hauled in wagons to Carlisle for use in making firearms.

ACTIVITY IN COAL.

Continues Unabated in Greene County, Sales of Local Interest.

The activity in Greene county coal land continues unabated. No big sales are reported but there are many sales of small tracts. The following are of local interest:

H. Jarvis Eldred of Waynesburg, has sold to E. H. McClelland, C. G. Lewellyn, Charles E. Nutt, J. S. Langley, R. B. Hays, C. D. Anderson and Bruce F. Sterling, of Uniontown, 38.713 acres of coal in Wayne township; consideration, $8,935.42.

James L. Rush of Waynesburg, has purchased from George G. Gans of Uniontown, 260 acres of coal in Center township; consideration, $39,000.

MORE REGULATION.

Congress May Legislate to Govern Anthracite Freight Rates.

It is understood that in view of the facts regarding the cost of production of anthracite coal that have been brought to the attention of Congress in the report on the production and prices of anthracite coal lately issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor it is probable that an attempt will be made at the present session to secure further regulation of the rates charged for the transportation of coal from the mines to points of sale.

This may be done through further legislation designed to improve the commodities clause of the Interstate Commerce law.

To Establish a Home.

Sheet metal workers have received notice to the effect that at the next meeting of the international body a move will be made in the direction of establishing somewhere a home for all disabled members of the craft, along the lines of homes which have been established by other crafts.

Standardized Mine Tracks.

Equipment dealers have suggested a standardized gauge for mine tracks as one way of reducing the high cost of mining.

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200 MEN MADE IDLE BY FIRE WHICH DESTROYS GLASS PLANT

L. E. Smith Factory at Mount Pleasant is Destroyed; Loss Totals $50,000.

MOUNT PLEASANT, April 5.—Two hundred persons have been thrown out of employment and a loss of $50,000 was sustained when the factory of the L. E. Smith Glass Company, quarter of a mile east of town, was destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

The fire was discovered about 5.15 by Mrs. Milton Christner, who lives nearby. Mrs. Christner lives near the plant and saw the blaze in the kiln. Her husband was awakened and notified Night Watchman Peter Weaver and a man named Fashion, who was employed at the plant. The three formed a bucket brigade after calling the Mount Pleasant fire department. The firemen were unable to save the plant because no water was available for their hose.

William Smith, the manager, and Charles Wible, the superintendent,

BIG CAR ORDERS

Baltimore & Ohio Gets 1,500 Additional Freight Carriers.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company last week distributed its order for 1,500 additional freight cars mentioned in the inquiry list recently. Of this number, 500 were given to the American Car & Foundry Company 500 to the Pressed Standard Steel Car Company. There remain additional car orders to be placed by this company in the near future.

The Louisville & Nashville railroad has placed an order for 700 steel underframe cars with the Mount Vernon Car Company; 800 with the Pressed Steel Car Company, and 100 cars with the Betettendurf Axle Company. The Seaboard Air Line is now asking for 15 passenger coaches.

The month of March has not been important as a period for railroad equipment buying In the month there were only 3,096 freight cars, 576 passenger coaches and 431 locomotives ordered. In February there were 4,325 freight cars, 73 passenger coaches and 428 locomotives purchased, and for January orders for 26,172 freight cars, 129 passenger coaches and 863 locomotives were placed. This enormous buying approaches somewhere near the capacity left available for car building in the present year.

For passenger coaches, it is in excess of the capacity of the builders. The total amounts to 70,403 freight cars, 778 passenger coaches and 1,533 locomotives. The value of this equipment runs close to $116,000,000.

CHINESE COAL

Experts Say Country Exceeds U. S. in Deposits.

China has reached the point where she mines about 10,000,000 tons of coal a year. It is estimated by competent engineer-explorers that the coal deposits of China are greater than those of the eastern half of the United States Some go as far as to say the coal deposits of China match those of the entire United States. The production of coal in the United States was about 480,000,000 tons in the banner year of 1907; but it is never much short of that figure.

With anything like a modern development of China her coal production will doubtless be 100,000,000 tons per year, and may easily double that amount. The railroads she is now building will require much more coal than all she mines at the present time. The manufactories she is seeking to establish must have steam.

MISSOURI'S COAL OUTPUT.

More Than Four Million Tons are Mined During 1912.

The report of Missouri's coal output for 1912 shows that the output aggregated 4,221,033 tons. Macon county led with 795,425, Lafayette was next with 722,154, Adair turned out 579,016, Randolph, 482,460, Ray 388,420, Barton 268,667, Henry 267,247, Platte 157,143, Linn 117,549, Bates 105,379.

Counties producing less than 100,000 tons were as follows: Audrain, 26,188; Boone, 19,636; Caldwell, 2,267; Callaway, 36,480; Carroll, 160, Chariton, 2,640; Clay, 27,826; Cole, 1,125; Dade, 5,000; Grundy, 10,000, Harrison, 93,140; Howard, 100; Johnson, 5,517; Monteau, 1,500; Putman, 26,312; Ralls, 13,799; Saint Clair, 2,028; Schuyler, 22,636; Sullivan, 1,000; Vernon, 30,219.

NEW HOT MILLS FOR SHARON.

American Sheet & Tin Plate Improvement Will Cost $500,000.

SHARON, April 5.—It is stated that the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company will erect 10 more hot mills at its tin plate works, making the plant the largest in the world The improvement will cost $500,000, and employment will be afforded to 500 additional hands.

The Farrell works will have 30 hot mills when the improvements are completed.

Greene County Coal Sold.

WAYNESBURG, Pa., April 3.—Josiah V. Thompson of Uniontown has bought 150 acres of coal from Henry M. Stewart of Oak Forest. James L. Rush of Waynesburg has purchased 260 acres of coal in Center township from George G. Gans of Uniontown. The consideration was $39,000.

Dismantle a Mine.

The miners employed at the Henrietta mine, Edwardsville, Ill., entered the mine at midnight and stripped it, taking out the piping, the mules, coal cars, and even taking up the track. When the company failed to meet the payroll, the men ran an attachment on the property.

Two Union Men on Commission.

It is not generally known that there are two union men on the Interstate Commerce Commission. E. E. Clarke is a member of the Order of Railroad Conductors. John H. Marble, recently appointed by President Wilson, is a member of San Francisco Typographical Union No. 21.

Waist Makers in France.

Waist makers in France work ten hours a day, the average pay never exceeding 48 cents.

Labor World Notes.

Great Britain's textile mills employ more than one million persons.

Nineteen local unions were chartered in February by the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. Their membership is nearing 250,000.

William E. McEven, publisher of the Duluth Labor World, and a member of the United Asociation of Plumbers and Steamfitters, is a candidate for mayor of Duluth.

The Building Trades Labor Temple Association of Marion County, Indiana, has been incorporated, its object being the erection of a labor temple in Indianapolis.

Fred Johnson, a member of the Boot and Shoe Workers Union, is a candidate for the postmastership of Park Ridge, Ill. He is the only union man trying for that position.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature of Manitoba, to prohibit the employment of white women or girls in any factory or place of business owned or managed by Chinese or Japanese.

The eighteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Musicians will be held in Toronto, Ont., beginning May 12. Indications are that it will be the most representative convention ever held by the Federation.

The United Mine Workers of the Springfield, Ill., sub-district have started a campaign with a view of preventing the proposed removal of the State headquarters of the United Mine Workers of America from Springfield to some other city.

The American Federation of Labor had 1,979,420 members in January of the present year, according to the last report of Secretary Frank Morrison. It is predicted that before the next convention in November the membership will exceed two millions.

The referendum vote for officers of the International Union of the United Brewery Workmen shows this result: J. Huebner, secretary-treasurer; Louis Kemper, corresponding secretary; Joseph Proebstle, financial secretary; Albert J. Kueler, national organizer, and Gustav Hestlerl editor of the Brewery Workers' Journal.

Among the many national unions of boot and shoe workers which have locals in various cities are the United Shoe Workers of America, the Boot and Shoe Workers of America, the Shoe Workers' Protective Union of America and the Boot and Shoe Cutters' National Assembly. In addition to these there are the Independent Edge Makers' Union, the Independent Shoe Makers' Union, the Stock Fitters Assembly and the Goodyear operators.

ELECTRIC LAMPS AND GAS

Carbon Filaments Will Ignite Explosion Mixtures if Reached.

By a series of experiments on the matter of ignition of mine gases by the filaments of incandescent lamps, the Bureau of Mines has established the following facts:

"The naked carbon filaments of standard lamps, burning at rated voltage, will invariably ignite explosive gaseous mixtures.

"If gas can reach the filaments of standard lamps without breaking the filaments, producing partial combustion within the bulbs, the explosive gaseous mixture is sure to be ignited

"Several sizes of both standard and miniature lamps, when smashed while burning at rated voltage, will ignite gas.

"Standard lamps that do not usually ignite explosive gaseous mixtures may do so if the broken pieces of the filament cause a short circuit when the lamps are smashed."

Gold Discovery No Big Find.

"Gold ore," said to pay from $60 to $600 a ton, "discovered near Albion, Okla., is said by experts of the Geographical Survey, who made an examination, to actually pay 2 cents. Secretary Lane refered the question to Postmaster General Burleson for inquiry as to whether the mails were being used improperly in connection with the "discovery."

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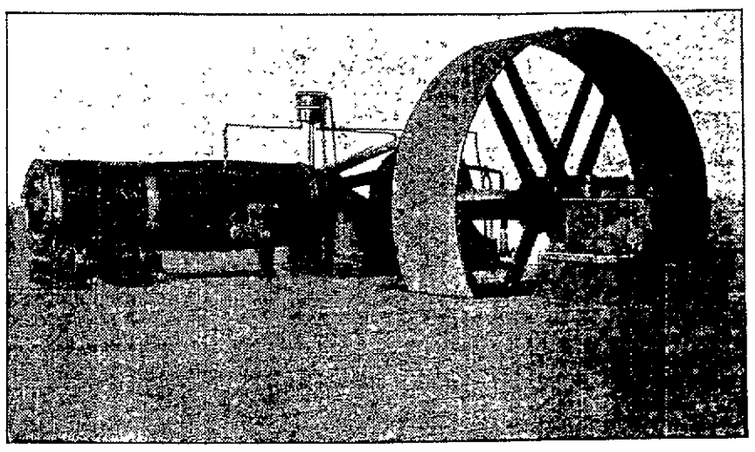

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